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## Atatürk's Address to Youth

Oh Turkish Youth!

Your first duty is to forever preserve and defend Turkish independence and the Turkish Republic.

This is the only foundation of your existence and future. This foundation is your most precious treasure. Even in the future, there will be malevolent people, at home and abroad, who will wish to deprive you of this treasure. If one day you have to defend your independence and your Republic, you will not tarry to weigh the possibilities and circumstances before taking up your duty! These possibilities and circumstances may turn out to be extremely unfavorable. The enemies making an attempt against your independence and your republic may have behind them a victory unprecedented in the annals of the world. It may come to pass that, by violence and ruse, all fortresses of your beloved homeland be occupied, all its shipyards captured, all its armies dispersed, and every part of the country invaded. And what is sadder and graver than all these circumstances is that the people in power inside the country may be negligent, misguided, and even in treachery. These people in power may even align their personal interests to the political designs of the invaders. The nation may be ruined and exhausted in impoverishment.

Oh, Child of Turkey's future!

Even in these circumstances it is your duty to save Turkish independence and the Turkish Republic!

The strength you need is within the noble blood in your veins!

Mustafa Kemal Atatürk October 20, 1927

#### From the Editorial Team: A Collective Effort

Dear readers,

Welcome to **Blackboard**, our online school magazine! This publication is the result of a dedicated team effort led by the Student Activities Unit, who worked tirelessly to bring it to life. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in making this possible—your hard work is truly appreciated!

This magazine is not just a platform for sharing information—it is a stage where our students' creativity and imagination shine. Each page is a testament to what they can achieve in the language they have been learning during their preparatory education. Their words and ideas reflect not only their progress but also their passion for expression. With every line they wrote, they have left a meaningful mark on our school community. Thank you all for your wonderful contributions!

While the students were at the heart of creating the content, this journey would not have been possible without the guidance of our dedicated instructors. Their support and mentorship provided the foundation for every step, helping students bring their ideas to life. We deeply appreciate the instructors' invaluable contributions and the students' creativity and determination. Together, they formed a remarkable team, and the results speak for themselves.

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A special mention goes to Elif Aytış from M2-26 class, who designed the cover for this edition. Her design won among many creative submissions in the cover design competition, and now her work proudly graces the front page of our magazine. Well done, Elif, and thank you for your amazing effort!

This magazine represents not just the talent and creativity of our students but also the collaborative spirit of our school community. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed creating it.

Warm regards,

**Student Activities Unit** 

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### YEDİGÖLLER (SEVEN LAKES) NATIONAL PARK

Yedigöller (Seven Lakes) National Park is located in the Western Black Sea Region. It is 42 kilometers north of Bolu and south of Zonguldak. You can reach it by taking roads from Yeniçağa at the 152nd kilometer or Bolu at the 190th kilometer of the Ankara-Istanbul highway. The park covers an area of 1,642 hectares and became a national park in 1965. It was formed by landslides blocking valleys, which created seven lakes connected by surface and underground water flows. These lakes stretch over 1,500 meters from north to south.



In the "Köyyeri" area of the park, there are remains from the late Byzantine period, showing that people once lived there. The park includes seven lakes: Büyükgöl, Seringöl, Deringöl, Nazlıgöl, Küçükgöl, İncegöl, and Sazlıgöl. These lakes are on two plateaus with a height difference of 100 meters. The largest lake, Büyükgöl, is 780 meters above sea level and is 15 meters deep at most.

Yedigöller National Park is also important for scientific research. It has one of the most beautiful and diverse forests in Turkey, with many types of trees. For example, you can find beech, oak, maple, fir, and pine trees. There are also rare trees like yew trees.

The park is home to many animals such as bears, boars, wolves, foxes, deer, and squirrels. There are also many birds, like ducks, pigeons, and partridges. Over 100 bird species have been found in the park. With its natural beauty and wildlife, Yedigöller National Park is truly a special place to visit.

#### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN GAMES

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a key part of both modern and old video games. In older games, NPCs (the characters that cannot be controlled by the player in a video game) followed simple patterns. For example, they pick a random spot near an object or character and move towards it. This was an early use of AI. However, as AI improved, this system became more advanced. Now, NPCs, enemies, or objects can act as if they have a mind of their own. This leads us to the question of what AI is in games.

AI in games is the technology that makes game characters or objects behave like real people. For example, in racing games, AI controls the cars you compete against. In adventure games, AI makes enemies chase or attack you.

#### **How Does AI Work?**

As mentioned at the beginning, AI follows rules. Developers program these rules to make characters behave in certain ways. For example, in recent years, the advancement of AI technology has opened the door to revolutionary innovations in the gaming world.



A mod developer, using Skyrim's opensource codes, has designed a mod supported by ChatGPT AI. Thanks to this mod, the NPCs in the game can engage in dynamic and personalized conversations with players, almost as if they were real people. For instance, when you enter a bar in the game, the bartender interacts with you based on whether they know who you are. If it's your first time in the tavern or your appearance gives off a suspicious vibe, the bartender approaches you more cautiously. Such small yet impressive details provide players with a much deeper gaming experience.

A similar innovation can be seen in *Alien: Isolation*, a classic in the horror game genre. The game's enemy creature is programmed to respond to the player's behaviour. For example, if you consistently adopt a hiding strategy, the creature starts checking hiding spots more carefully over time. If you take an aggressive approach and attack the creature with a weapon, it reacts differently and may try to ambush you by emerging from tunnels.



#### Why is AI Important?



AI makes games fun and challenging. Without AI, games would feel empty. AI allows game characters environments realistically. NPCs can react to your actions, enemies can make strategic decisions, and animals in open-world games can display natural behaviours. AI makes games easier or harder based on how good the player is. This way, beginners and skilled players can both enjoy the game. AI creates a living world in open-world games. NPCs can have daily routines, animals in nature can interact with each other, and events can happen independently of the player. This gives players a sense of

endless exploration. In summary, AI plays a crucial role in enhancing the gaming experience. It makes characters and environments behave in a way that feels realistic and dynamic. AI changes the game's difficulty, makes enemies smarter, and creates a more interactive experience. Without AI, games would be boring and not as fun. As AI improves, it will continue to make games even better and more exciting for players.

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#### WHY WE SHOULDN'T FORGET OUR TRADITIONAL DISHES

Traditional dishes teach us about the history of countries. Every food has a history. How was this food first made? Why were these ingredients used? These questions reveal what kinds of plants or animals are available in the country and what people understand about food.

Food is very important for bringing people together. People gather to eat to spend time together and meet new people. When people of different nationalities are together, they share their own foods and encourage others to try them. Generally, people talk about important matters during dinner or any meal. Food can bring people together perfectly. Through food, people meet each other and learn about each other's cultures and histories.



For example, Paella. The origins of Paella are well-documented and deeply rooted in the agricultural traditions of the Valencia region. While paella has become synonymous with Valencia, its history can be traced back to Moorish influence in the 8th century when the Moors introduced rice to the region. The marshy landscape provided the ideal conditions for rice cultivation, making it a staple crop in the area.

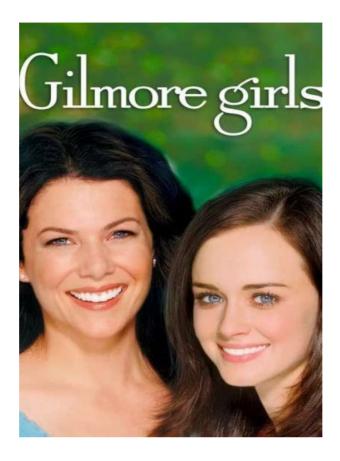
Paella, as we know today, was born between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries. Farmers and shepherds needed a dish that was easy to prepare with the ingredients available in the countryside, and in this region of Spain, rice was the main staple. The farmers crafted this one-pan meal as a practical and communal way to feed their families and workers.

Over time, Valencian farmers began incorporating local ingredients into their rice dishes, including vegetables, beans, and meats. Rabbit and duck were commonly used, as well as the occasional snail. This early version of paella was cooked over an open flame using wood from orange trees (another Valencia staple) which lends a very special flavour. As the dish spread to other parts of Spain, ingredients regionalized to what was available locally.

As a result, if people forget their traditional foods, they forget themselves and their history. Never say, 'It's just food.' It's not just a need; it expresses everything.

Firdevs Karakuzu M2-2

#### GILMORE GIRLS: A SHOW THAT SMELLS LIKE COFFEE



With the end of autumn and the beginning of winter, we can say that the season of watching series has started under a warm blanket, with coffee and cookies by the window.

Lorelai, a strong woman standing on her own feet; Rory, burning with her love for books and Harvard; Luke, who always has a coffee in hand; Sookie, whose every dish is perfect; and Stars Hollow, a town where the joy never ends. One of them, *Gilmore Girls* is a simple and relatable story of two young women, together with the falling leaves.

The story is about Lorelai, who became a mother at a young age. She raised a strong and smart daughter all by herself. Their fun mother-daughter relationship will make you feel warm and happy. These two coffee lovers will make you enjoy coffee even more. While watching, you may feel like you are sitting in Luke's café or want to eat Sookie's delicious meals. Don't worry, you are not crazy. This is the magic of the show!

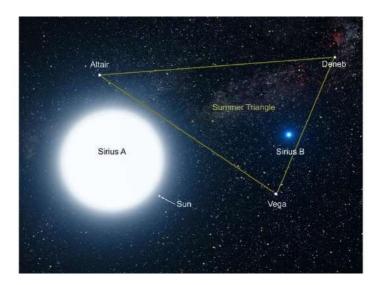
If you like warm stories like *Friends* or *How I Met Your Mother*, *Gilmore Girls* is a great choice. It is also perfect for people who love the smell of coffee.

In the end, Gilmore Girls is not just a show. It is a journey to the simple but magical moments of life. When you start watching, don't forget to take your coffee and join the people of Stars Hollow!

Enjoy watching and a winter full of laughter.

#### SIRIUS' INFLUENCE ON ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS

Sirius is the brightest star in the sky and has been important to many civilizations throughout history. It was used as a guide and played a role in religious and cultural rituals. Sirius also helped people create calendars, understand natural events, and develop beliefs about the universe.



In Ancient Egypt, Sirius was called names like "New Day," "Bow Star," and "Great Provider." It was linked to famous gods like Isis, Osiris, Set, Nephthys, and Horus. The Egyptians used different calendars, including a Sirius calendar. This calendar had 360 days, and they added five extra days, which they believed were the birthdays of these gods.

The Dogon people had very detailed knowledge about Sirius. They knew it was a binary star system with two stars, one of which is very small and heavy. This information was confirmed by modern science in the 19th century. The Dogon believed divine rulers came from Sirius A and Sirius B to bring order to Earth and teach humans. Isis was linked to Sirius A, and Osiris was linked to Sirius B.

In Ancient Greece, Sirius was called the "Dog Star" or "Orion's Dog." When Sirius reappeared in the sky, it marked the start of the hottest time of the year, called the "Dog Days." People thought this period brought bad effects. On the island of Keos (now Kea), sacrifices were made to Sirius and Zeus to cool the heat. Coins from the 3rd century BCE on this island had images of dogs and stars, representing Sirius.

Sirius has been seen as a connection between the sky and Earth. Different civilizations used it to shape their culture, religion, and understanding of the World.

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#### **DEAF CATS: LIFE OF A SILENT WORLD**



Cats are generally known for their independent and quiet nature. However, some cats may be born deaf or when they get old, they may lose these skills. So, how do these cats live without hearing? Let's explore the reasons behind their deafness and their unique lifestyles.

#### Reason for deafness and color connection:

The "W" gene in cats with white fur controls fur color, and also affects hearing. This gene can cause white cats to be born deaf. Scientific research shows 60% to 80% white-furred cats may have hearing problems. Additionally, this risk is higher in blue eyed and white furred cats.

#### **Symptoms of deafness:**

Deaf cats tend to sleep deeply. They aren't affected by the voice around them. They don't react to high-pitched sounds. In such cases, you should consult a veterinarian.

#### The behavior, care and safety of deaf cats:

The other senses of deaf cats, such as sight and touch, become more developed. For this reason, they move very carefully. For example, they use their paw to touch someone or make eye contact with to communicate.

Actually, the care for deaf cats is similar to that of normal cats, but it is necessary to take extra precautions. For example, your cat got lost at home and you can't find it. If you call its name, it won't hear you. Therefore, you can use a collar with a bell around your cat's neck. You can train them with hand gestures. They learn quickly as they are very smart. For example, when the bell rings, my cat runs to the door quickly. It doesn't hear, but it sees the red light and understands someone is coming, and then runs to the door. That means they can communicate with us. Deaf cats living on the street face a more difficult life. For example, when a car approaches, deaf cats can't hear it and may not run away in time, and this may lead to fatal accidents. Therefore, home life is much safer for deaf cats.

To summarize, these animals are more cautious and emotional, so they require extra attention from us. We should approach them with love because their world is already silent.

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#### THE POWER OF READING AND WRITING



Humanity has always looked for ways to express itself—drawing, colouring, speaking, and, most importantly, writing. This is no surprise; as thinking beings, we naturally want to share our thoughts. Writing provides us with a more organized and peaceful mind. Through it, we can realize that we are not alone; other characters may share our problems, traumas, or mindsets. Books offer fascinating perspectives. Sometimes, even simple situations in stories can inspire us to evaluate our lives and make important changes. A book you pick up by chance might end up transforming your life.

The way we read books has changed significantly with technology. The latest advancement is reading books on e-books, tablets, or other electronic devices—or even listening to them as audiobooks. This isn't a bad development; in fact, it's incredibly convenient to be able to read wherever you are. Carrying a bulky book, such as an encyclopedia or a long novel, used to be a challenge. However, for many readers, the experience of holding a physical book, smelling its pages, finding a well-lit spot to read, or borrowing a book from the library remains irreplaceable. For writers, too, having their work published as a hard copy is undoubtedly a special and rewarding experience.

Not wanting to read a book is a common issue, but it's not an unsolvable one. It's perfectly normal for humans to feel this way—we sometimes get bored of eating, sleeping, or talking, so why wouldn't we occasionally get bored of reading? Moreover, reading isn't the easiest leisure activity; unlike watching something, it requires focus and sustained attention. You have to connect all the pages and sentences to gain something meaningful from them.

There are ways to overcome this problem. Take a break from reading for a week or two, try reading multiple books at once, change your environment, or romanticize the act of reading. After a break, the best way to get back into it is to start with books from your favourite genre.

**İdil Cavus M3-3** 

#### THE MAGIC OF FILMS AND LOVE STORIES







Films are not just stories; they are magical doors that transport us to different times and lives. There are films that captivate us every time we watch them—films we want to watch again and again. Sometimes, even when we forget their details, we wish we could relive the same emotions. The importance of films in our lives and what they contribute to us is undeniable. Films touch our lives in different ways, whether it's through the changing seasons, our moods, or the moments when we seek to hear or feel what we need.

In most stories, an unforgettable love story is always present because love is an emotion that everyone experiences, regardless of time and place. It is something we find pieces of ourselves in, each time we watch a love film. Love films try to show us the ideal version of love, but they also remind us that pain, sacrifices, and impossibilities make love even stronger. *Titanic* is one of the greatest examples of dramatic love stories. It tells the love story of Jack and Rose, who, despite the class difference, experience a deep and meaningful love. La La Land shows the different faces of love through the story of Sebastian and Mia, who, despite parting ways, cannot forget each other. The Before Sunrise trilogy stands as one of the most unforgettable and realistic love stories in cinema history. It is also based on the true story of the director, Richard Linklater. Just like in the film, Linklater made the movie to find the girl he met on a train, with whom he spent hours talking and exploring the city until morning. Pride and Prejudice, the unforgettable adaptation of Jane Austen's novel, is one of the most memorable love stories in cinema history. The timeless scenes and dialogues between Elizabeth and Mr. Darcy, filled with pride and prejudice, remain etched in the minds of viewers. While films often tell the story of love's birth, sometimes they also portray love as a feeling we wish to forget. This is seen in Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind, where Joel and Clementine seek to erase each other from their memories in order to forget their past relationship.

Love can be portrayed in extraordinary ways, but sometimes, it is also told in more cliché formats. Some love stories emerge from hatred, while others blossom from friendship. In *10 Things I Hate About You*, the story of Kat and Patrick begins with hatred but transforms into love. In *When Harry Met Sally*, we follow the sweet story of Harry and Sally, who begin as friends and gradually fall in love.

Although these films tell different love stories from various perspectives, their common feature is that they leave a sweet, lasting impression on our hearts and souls.

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# THE ENDLESS JOURNEY OF ART: PERFECTION AND UNFINISHED MASTERPIECE

If I'm going to write an article about art, I believe I need to answer this question first. There are many different views about what art is, but in this article, I want to focus on some famous names. Let's look at two well-known artists: Henri Matisse and Leonardo da Vinci. Both of these masters believe that art and a piece of art can never be truly finished. In fact, Matisse says, "A painting only ends when you leave it, but it is never complete." This idea is very similar to Leonardo's view of art.

For example, Leonardo couldn't finish many of his works quickly; take Mona Lisa, The Last Supper, and others. So why did such a talented artist spend so much time on his works, and why did he believe that his works could never be finished? Da Vinci was known for his desire to reach perfection. He would try different techniques with every new piece, looking for which one was the best. For example, he spent almost 3 years finishing *The Last Supper* fresco because he experimented with different techniques, and some of them didn't work well. Instead of using the traditional fresco technique, which requires quick work on wet plaster, Leonardo chose a more experimental method. He used oil and tempera paints on a dry surface to give more details and work with color tones.







So why is the *Mona Lisa* so important, both for Leonardo and for us? *Mona Lisa* is one of Leonardo's last portraits. Leonardo used the techniques I just mentioned and his experiments over the years to shape his art as close to "perfect" as possible. Surprisingly, he didn't experiment with anything new in this piece. But, like his other works, it still took him a long time to finish it. According to some sources, he started it in 1503 and continued working on it until 1517, the year of his death.

Art is not an end, but a continuous journey. The works of Leonardo da Vinci and Henri Matisse show us that art can never be finished. Every artist continues to work on their piece, always wanting to add one last touch. These great artists showed us that art is not a "completion," but a "development" process.

Another example of art being unfinished is Michelangelo's *David* sculpture. The unfinished parts of the sculpture show the artist's focus on perfection and attention to every

detail. While making this sculpture, Michelangelo saw the stone blocks as obstacles that needed to be removed to bring out the spirit of the figure. This process also shows us that art is always in a constant state of change and never truly finished.

Another example is Vincent van Gogh's *Starry Night*. Van Gogh didn't use traditional methods for this piece. Instead, he developed a unique style. The piece reflects the artist's inner struggles and personal journey, showing the fine line between completion and incompletion in art.

In the end, the value of art lies in its unfinished nature. Every piece reflects the artist's search and inner journey. The works of Da Vinci, Matisse, Michelangelo, and Van Gogh are symbols of this endless creation process. Art always continues with the desire to take one more step, to break one more boundary. This is why art can never be finished because every piece is a beginning, a discovery, and a part of an endless journey.

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#### THE FUTURE OF PORSCHE



#### **Porsche Active Suspension Management (PASM)**

Porsche Active Ride is amazing technology. Porsche Active Ride is, as the name suggests, a fully active suspension system. The system has four different hydraulic motor-pumps. It can apply so much pressure on each suspension, and in this way, chassis vibration almost disappears. In a press conference for cars, they showed a demo.

Within this demo, the active suspension system was connected to a mobile phone, and they controlled it wirelessly from the phone. It absolutely works so fast, has an intelligent structure, balances the car, applies the selected

drive mode in seconds, and offers maximum performance and comfort for drivers.





#### New Panamera with PASM and Full Hybrid Tech

Life is pretty good in a Porsche Panamera. Porsche engineers use PASM (Porsche Active Suspension Management) in the new Panamera. As an additional specification, the New Panamera e-hybrid will have 4.0 V8 and an electric motor supported with 25.6 kWh battery. With them, it can produce 670 horsepower. This version can transmit power on four wheels and has an 8-gear SDK transmission. It can reach 0-100 kph in 3 seconds. This car shows technology can do everything you want. For example, this car brings comfort and performance together. At the end of the day, everyone wants to drive a Porsche.

#### A SENSITIVE TOPIC FOR ANIMAL LOVERS

#### The Place of Animals in Our Lives

Animals are an inseparable part of human life and nature. They have been good friends to humans from the past to the present. We can also see that they play a very important role in maintaining the balance of nature. Most of us are aware of this and act accordingly. Those of us who have pets understand this even better. Pets are a source of happiness for us. But are pets the only animals that bring us happiness? What about stray animals? More specifically, what do we think about stray dogs?



#### **Current Problems**

Animals living in Turkey are currently facing serious challenges. The increase in the number of stray animals has sparked discussions in society. Decisions have been made to gather stray animals in shelters or even to put them to sleep. This issue has been a topic of debate. Although this may seem like a solution, it can lead to ethical and social problems.



#### **Possible Solutions**

Firstly, the conditions in shelters need to be improved. Since there are not enough shelters, many shelters are overcrowded or housing animals beyond their capacity. As a result, animals cannot access adequate nutrition and care.

Animal adoption campaigns should also be encouraged because every animal deserves a loving home. The level of awareness in society can also be raised through various educational programs. Both children and adults can learn to develop a love for animals. Additionally, people should be taught not to abandon their pets out of boredom after adopting them because this causes further problems. However, we know that there is no issue that cannot be addressed with proper education.

In conclusion, animals are not only a part of nature but also an integral part of society. It is our duty to provide them with the care and respect they deserve. Humanity can continue to exist if it can do so in harmony with nature. We must do our best to protect animals, both as individuals and institutions.

**Melike Cengiz M2-2** 

#### ACCEPTING DIFFERENT LIFESTYLES

In this world, we have different opinions and family structures. Consequently, we can sometimes have different versions of ourselves. Also, we may have instincts we can't resist and thoughts that make us feel like strangers within our own families.



These thoughts shape our behaviors, and our behaviors shape our lifestyles. As you know, in society, we have different lifestyles. In this article, I'm not going to discuss these lifestyles. Instead, I'm going to criticize people who try to impose their lifestyle on others. I'm really angry with these kinds of people. Let's imagine someone who thinks the same way you do —what would happen next? People act as if their thoughts are perfect. Let's not fool ourselves. Honestly, at some point, I think these kinds of people lack self-confidence. If a person were confident, they wouldn't mind other people's lifestyles. But if that person lacks confidence, they will try to persuade you to think the same way they do because they don't have enough self-confidence to stand alone with their ideas and lifestyle. They want someone to agree with them, and it doesn't matter if their lifestyle fits yours or not. Confident people, if necessary, can stand apart from 90 million others who have the same lifestyle, if that lifestyle doesn't align with their own. They are ready to embrace their unique ideas and lifestyles, even if it means being alone. I admire these kinds of people.

In short, let's face the mirror and try to say something nice. Just let people breathe and set them free.

Aygül Dönmez M2-13

#### ARTIST OF THE YEAR: BILLIE EILISH

Apple Music is one of the most popular online music services. It defines the artist who wins the Artist of the Year prize. With her bold and creative personality, Billie Eilish was awarded this prize for the second time by Apple Music. She has greatly improved as a songwriter and singer since the release of her first album *When We All Asleep Where Do We Go?* Before her new album was published, she had already won two Grammys for her song "What Was I Made For?"

Billie Eilish Pirate Baird O'Connell was born in Los Angeles, California, on December 18, 2001. Her middle name, Eilish, was supposed to be her first name, and Pirate was planned to be her middle name. However, after her grandfather, William Baird, passed away when her mother was pregnant, her parents decided to name her Billie to honor him. Eilish performed at talent shows and joined the Los Angeles Children's Chorus at age eight. She wrote her first "real" song at age 11 for her mother's songwriting class. The song was about the zombie apocalypse, and she took inspiration from *The Walking Dead* television series. At 22 years old, she left her mark with her new album, *Hit Me Hard and Soft*, this summer. The album has depressive and energetic songs, and she combined these two moods through her writing and singing. The album has two hit songs, "Wildflower" and "Birds of a Feather." Upon release, the album reached No. 1 on Apple Music's all-genre albums chart in 138 countries worldwide.

After the album was released, she performed her hit "Birds of a Feather" at the closing ceremony of the Summer Olympics in Los Angeles. After the ceremony, everyone searched for her songs on Shazam, and it became the most searched song on the platform. The artist also worked with other songwriters and singers, and it helped her develop her own career.

In 2024, Billie was noticed for having seven Grammy nominations. These include Record of the Year, Album of the Year, and Song of the Year. Music Director of Apple Music, Rachel Newman, shared her opinions about Billie Eilish, and she said, "It is always special when a young artist can connect with many people so quickly. But what makes her journey amazing this past year is not only that her voice and art touch so many people. It is also because she has grown in a brave and honest way — following her own path and being herself." Billie shared her opinions after she won the prize: "Since the beginning, Apple Music has supported my music and creativity. I feel both proud and grateful to be chosen as Artist of the Year after so many years in my career."

We wish her success in her career and life.

Arda Akbaş M3-4











#### WILL YAREN THE STORK COME?



#### A Fisherman and a Stork's Story...

Adem, who works as a fisherman in Eskikaraağaç village, has a friend who has been visiting him for 13 years: Yaren the stork. Why Yaren the stork chose this village and Adem is unknown, but it is certain that they have a strong friendship. Yaren the stork has been coming to Eskikarağaç village in Karacabey, Bursa since 2011. The only question in people's minds is: When will Yaren the stork come this year, after coming on February 29th last year? Adem is waiting for his friend to come for the 14th time this year.

#### **How Did This Friendship Start?**

Uncle Adem, as always, went fishing in his boat. Since it was migration time, many storks had come to the village. One of them landed on Uncle Adem's boat. Uncle Adem realized that the stork was hungry and gave it some of the fish he had caught. The stork ate the fish, and the next morning, it returned to the boat again. This is how their friendship started. The following year, Yaren the stork came to Uncle Adem's boat again. This news spread throughout the village. After that, Uncle Adem named the stork YAREN, which means "friend" in Turkish. Every year, during migration time, Yaren the stork visits Uncle Adem on his boat. Yaren was first photographed in 2016 by nature photographer Alper Tüydeş. It was rare for a stork to have close contact with a human, and with this photo, the news spread outside the village; it reached the world through social media and became the subject of a

documentary in 2019. This documentary, called 'Uncle Adem and Yaren the Stork,' won the Best Documentary Award at the Prague Film Awards in the Czech Republic.



#### Eskikaraağaç

Eskikarağaç village, located by Uluabat Lake, is in Karacabey. It is the only representative of European stork villages in Turkey. Every year in June, the International Eskikaraağaç Stork Festival is held in Eskikarağaç.

#### The Camera in the Nest

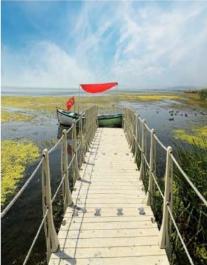
The magical story of Uncle Adem and Yaren the Stork, which has touched hearts and shown humanity once again that friendship knows no boundaries, continues to be lived in all its beauty. You can follow Yaren the Stork's nest live 24/7 on the website.

https://www.yarenleylek.com/

Last year, the story of Uncle Adem and Yaren the Stork was turned into a book by Alper Tüydeş. People like Uncle Adem, who love nature and animals, are truly valuable to this world.









Begüm Yıldız M2-4

#### **COMMUNICATION IN ANIMALS**

The word "animal" refers to living beings that are different from humans and lack language or reason. However, animals, like humans, communicate with each other. They use sounds, body language, and chemical signals to convey messages. Let's now explore how some animals communicate.

#### **Dolphins**

One way dolphins communicate is through echolocation and sounds. Dolphins use high frequency sounds underwater to communicate. These sounds help dolphins find each other's positions and share information. The echolocation system allows dolphins to "see" their environment. They also interact socially with each other by making whistles, clicks, and other sounds. Dolphins communicate through swimming movements and body positions as well. Their swimming speed, turns, and



movements on the water surface can provide information about social relationships and roles within the group. Another communication method is touching. Dolphins sometimes touch each other to communicate. These touches can strengthen friendships, attract attention, or help one another. Finally, dolphins send information to each other using different movements and facial expressions, especially on the water's surface. Visual signals play an important role, especially when dolphins live in groups. These methods help dolphins survive in groups, hunt, and maintain social relationships.

#### **Bats**

Bats usually communicate with each other using sound and echolocation. Echolocation helps bats detect their surroundings and prey. They also make ultrasonic sounds with different tones for social interaction. These sounds help them communicate with group members, find mates, and be aware of dangers.



#### Rabbits



Rabbits can communicate their feelings and intentions by moving their ears, tails, and bodies in different ways. For example, pushing their ears back may show fear or anger. They can also make sounds such as whistles, especially when they are in danger or when they are aggressive. Finally, rabbits can use scents from glands on their bodies to communicate with other rabbits. These scents are important for marking their territory and boundaries. These ways of communication help rabbits survive alone or in groups.

#### Ants

Ants mostly communicate using chemical signals (pheromones). Pheromones help ants share information with each other. For example, when they find food, they leave pheromones to guide other ants. They can also communicate with physical signals, like touch and vibrations. These methods help them move together as a group and share tasks.



Animals communicate like us although they don't think like us. Their communication helps them survive, work together, and live in groups. We need them, and they need us. So, we should protect and care for them.

Bahar Yavuz M2-4

Meltem Özcan M2-4

#### **CULTURES OF THE FAR EAST**

Nowadays, many people think that Asian countries are highly developed in technology. However, the Asian continent is not only well-known for its technology but also has some of the most popular traditions in the world. Asian people, who have a deep and rich culture, still maintain their traditions. Their cultures are related to philosophy – Taoism, Confucianism, and Buddhism. Taoism helps to achieve balance with nature. Confucianism stands up for social organization with respect and morality. Buddhism follows teachings that promote inner peace and deep understanding. Beyond philosophy, these values are reflected in the unique traditions of Asian culture, including ceremonies, clothing, and festivals.



#### Chanoyu

Chanoyu, or chadō, is the name of the Japanese tea ceremony. The ceremony is at least 400 years old and is based on Zen philosophy. There are detailed rules for the presentation of tea. The tea rooms are designed in a minimalist style, symbolizing modesty. The tea is made from powdered green tea. During the tea ceremony, guests discuss art, nature, and simplicity.

#### Hanbok

Hanbok is the traditional clothing of Korea. Korean people generally wear Hanbok on celebratory days to preserve the tradition. Every year, Koreans celebrate Hanbok Day on the 21st of October to showcase their traditions. Hanbok remains one of the most popular garments in Korea.

#### Festival of the Gangneung Danoje

Korean people celebrate this festival on the 5th day of the 5th month in the lunar Korean calendar. Generally, women wash their hair using water boiled



with sweet flag to make it shinier, and people wear hanbok to honor their heritage. There is a lot of traditional food at the festival, and they perform a traditional folk dance on this day. This festival is one of the most cherished celebrations in Korea.

#### **Doljanchi**

Korean people celebrate their baby's first birthday on this day, which is believed to ensure a long life for their babies. Babies wear custom-designed dol hanbok. Families prepare a table with various objects placed on it for their babies. They believe that the object chosen by the baby symbolizes

their future jobs and abilities. Families usually eat traditional foods and desserts on this day, and the family members also pray for the baby's long and healthy life.

Aşkın Ayça Su Gökdağ M2-22

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#### DAFT PUNK: ICONS OF ELECTRONIC MUSIC



#### The Formation of the Band

Daft Punk is one of the most influential and innovative duos in the world of electronic music. Formed in 1993 in Paris by French musicians Thomas Bangalter and Guy-Manuel de Homem-Christo, the duo developed a unique style by blending electronic music with pop, disco, funk, and house genres. They became a global phenomenon, not only with their music but also with their mysterious image and extraordinary stage performances.

#### Early Years and Debut Album: Homework (1997)

Daft Punk's debut album, *Homework*, was released in 1997 and revolutionized the electronic music scene. The album featured hits like "Da Funk" and "Around the World," which gained massive success on dance floors and music charts. Particularly, "Around the World" increased the duo's international recognition, establishing them as leaders of the French house music movement.

#### The Robot Identities and Their Image

Daft Punk stood out not only for their music but also for their distinctive image. In 1999, they began wearing robot helmets to conceal their identities. This move became their signature style and created an air of mystery in the music industry. Thomas and Guy-Manuel often stated that their robotic personas allowed the focus to remain on their music rather than on them as individuals.

#### Discovery (2001): The Birth of a Legend

The 2001 release of *Discovery* marked a significant turning point in Daft Punk's career. This album combined disco, funk, and electronic music elements into a groundbreaking sound. Tracks like "One More Time," "Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger," and "Digital Love" became both critical and commercial successes. The album solidified the duo's place in pop culture and became a defining work of the electronic music scene in the 2000s.

#### **Human After All (2005) and Live Performances**

Released in 2005, *Human After All* had a darker and more minimalist tone. While songs like "Robot Rock" and "Technologic" gained attention, the album received mixed reviews. However, Daft Punk proved the strength of their live performances with their *Alive 2006/2007* tour, which turned their concerts into audio-visual spectacles, further expanding their fan base.

#### **Tron: Legacy and Movie Soundtracks**

In 2010, Daft Punk composed the soundtrack for Disney's film *Tron: Legacy*. The soundtrack showcased the duo's ability to adapt to cinematic styles. Tracks like "Derezzed" and "The Grid" left a lasting impression on both the movie and the album's audience.

#### Random Access Memories (2013): Reaching the Peak

In 2013, Random Access Memories marked the pinnacle of Daft Punk's musical and commercial success. The album incorporated live instruments and a retro style, taking electronic music to new heights. Songs like "Get Lucky" (featuring Pharrell Williams and Nile Rodgers) and "Instant Crush" (featuring Julian Casablancas) became massive hits. The album won multiple Grammy Awards in 2014, including Album of the Year.

#### **The Break (2021)**

On February 22, 2021, Daft Punk announced their split through a video titled *Epilogue*. This marked the end of their 28-year music career, leaving fans heartbroken. Despite this, the duo's legacy continues to influence the world of music, cementing their status as legends of electronic music.

#### **Daft Punk's Legacy**

Daft Punk left a revolutionary mark not only on music but also on culture. As pioneers who brought electronic music into the mainstream, they became icons with their creative stage designs, innovative albums, and extraordinary image. Today, many artists in electronic music continue to be influenced by Daft Punk's work.

Daft Punk's story is a testament to pushing the boundaries of creativity and boldness in music. Behind their robotic masks, they succeeded in leaving the world with an unparalleled musical legacy.

**Ahmet Aldeniz M2-18** 

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING**

#### **Environmental Problems**

The world faces critical environmental challenges: climate change, desertification, loss of biodiversity, deforestation, destruction of the ozone layer, air, water, and soil pollution, dangerous plastic waste, and sea and ocean pollution.

So, who cares about these big problems? Of course, environmental engineers do! So, who are we? What do we do?





#### Who Are the Environmental Engineers?

Environmental engineers take care of the environmental problems of the world. They work to protect the planet and create a sustainable community. They apply different sciences like chemistry, biology, and physics to prevent environmental risks, manage waste, minimize pollution, repair environmental damage, and reverse the damage done to the ecosystem. Environmental engineers are often referred to as "the police of environmental protection".

#### What Do They Do?

Environmental engineers observe institutions and industries that produce waste and help them with their action plans and management systems, ensuring recycling and sustainable waste practices. They also research renewable energy resources. In short, they protect nature and improve new methods to make institutions and communities become sustainable.

#### The Future of Environmental Engineering

As environmental challenges continue to grow, the role of environmental engineers becomes even more critical. Today, these "environmental police" are actively serving the world, addressing urgent issues, and working towards sustainable solutions. Maybe, the time when we call the future has already arrived. Now, environmental police are already in the service of the world.

#### What Can the Public Do to Help Nature and Environmental Engineers?

Every individual contributes to waste production, which is referred to as their carbon footprint. Humans should lessen their own carbon footprint. This is important for the world. Here are some simple yet impactful steps everyone can take:

• Separate waste by type. Don't waste water.

- Dispose of waste responsibly—avoid littering in soil, forests, seas, lakes, or on the ground.
- Avoid using plastic. For example, use paper or mesh bags.
- Don't leave glass bottles in forests to prevent fires.
- Limit the use of perfumes, deodorants, and spray insecticides to prevent air pollution.
- Avoid using disposable products.

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#### VIETNAM WAR





Ho Chi Minh First President and The Founder of Democratic Republic of Vietnam

Between 1859 and 1883, the French slowly colonized Indochina. In 1940, Japan invaded and took control of important areas, but the French remained present. When World War II ended, Japan lost control, and the French regained their power.

In 1950, the USSR and China recognized the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. On May 7, 1954, the French-held garrison at Dien Bien Phu in Vietnam fell after a four-month siege led by Vietnamese nationalist Ho Chi Minh. After the fall of Dien Bien Phu, the French pulled out of the region, marking the rise of communism in Vietnam.

The French agreed to peace talks in Geneva, resulting in the split of Vietnam into South Vietnam (the anti-communist side) and North Vietnam (the communist side). However, the war did not end. Two years later, President of South Vietnam, Ngo Dinh Diem began a campaign against political dissidents. Conflict between the two rival states raged for the next two decades, known as the Vietnam War, the Second Indochina War, or the Second Cold War.

#### **Asia and Communism**

America's biggest fear was communism, which was spreading very fast in Asia. Asia was the most important region in the world due to its large population, significant natural resources, and important countries like Japan, China, the USSR, Indonesia, Thailand, the Korean Peninsula, India, Iran, the Arabian Peninsula, and Türkiye.



Some of these

countries were already ruled by communism, and America did not want another communist country.

#### The Gulf of Tonkin Incident

They were looking for an excuse to attack Vietnam. On August 4, 1964, the Gulf of Tonkin incident occurred. According to rumours, North Vietnamese forces attacked



American destroyers twice. In response, the US sent more supplies, soldiers, navy, air forces, and chemical weapons to the war.

#### After the Gulf of Tonkin Incident

After the Gulf of Tonkin Incident, the conflict escalated into a full-scale war between the US and North Vietnam. America used chemical weapons, killing innocent people, because the Viet Cong guerrillas were often not regular soldiers. Some high-ranking military officers decided to kill all suspected guerrillas, leading to what many consider a genocide.



#### The End of the Vietnam War

These pictures show the brutal side of the war, many of which were taken by American journalists. In late January 1973, the United States, North Vietnam, South Vietnam, and the Viet Cong signed a ceasefire agreement, under which the United States agreed to withdraw from South Vietnam without any comparable commitment from North Vietnam.

#### The Only Losers of This War

Approximately 300,000 American soldiers died in the war, with a total death toll of 1.4 million. Many American soldiers experienced psychological trauma after the war, which continued during their peacetime service. According to Americans, this war was unnecessary. Some anti-war groups organized numerous protests to stop the war, but the American government ignored them. In the end, it was the innocent people who were the true losers.

#### Ata Deniz Kılınçdemir M2-1

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#### IN YOUR FREE TIME

Sometimes we could have hard times in our daily life. Some people want to nap after work because they feel tired. When they get up, they feel more energetic. Some people look for

another way to feel better. If you are just like those people, we have some suggestions for you!

If you are a reader, you could buy new books and make your library bigger. After you read them, you can prepare a notebook about them. Maybe you could research for some pictures about the book and paste them on the pages in the notebook. Even after a long time, you wouldn't forget what you read.



If you like watching series and movies, you should have some friends over. You could eat popcorn, chocolate, and biscuits while you guys are watching them. If you don't have any friends, you can do it by yourself! You should learn to enjoy by yourself. We are alone in this life.

Some people are intellectual, so they prefer going to the theatre. Theatre isn't for everyone. You may feel bored. However, if you haven't been to the theatre before, we think you should give it a try. Who knows, maybe you are a theatre person?

Are you an artist? Are you gifted with hand skills? If so, it's time to add an art-room in your house! You could paint your walls however you want! You could have your drawings or paintings framed and hang them on the walls . You could craft a few shelves for your acrylic paints and canvas. It sounds great, doesn't it?





If you are wondering about

other countries and you have a few friends or a partner, go and travel around the world! Go sightseeing and collect new happy memories. You need some money for this activity but if you are a student, don't feel sad! Some kind companies may provide you with good opportunity to travel to other countries. We recommend that you

follow their websites.

For now, we think these suggestions are enough for you. If you need more tricks about life, you can send an email to us. Who knows, maybe we will share what you want next week?

## LIFE IN THE FUTURE

What do you think life will be like in the future? Do you imagine a future with flying cars and robots? Technology is changing too fast, much faster than we can imagine. There will probably be flying cars and robots, but many more positive changes will take place in education, healthcare, and social life. Technology will make our daily life easier, and our social lives will take a new direction.



As technology evolves. education will he revolutionized. Primary schools and high schools will use holograms to make learning more engaging and effective. In the classroom, there will be holograms as teachers. These hologram teachers can appear anywhere. Students will be able to travel through time with virtual reality. For example, if they have homework about dinosaurs, they can simulate that period in a virtual laboratory. Children will be able to use their personal AI teachers at home whenever they want. Universities will use virtual reality and artificial intelligence to provide a realistic learning experience. For example, medical students can perform surgeries in a virtual hospital, and they will interact with AI patients. These patients will react like humans, Student will learn without any risk. Engineering students can also design and build bridges in a virtual lab.

Healthcare will be smarter than it is today. Every morning a smart system will check your body for any sign of illness. Thanks to this system, small problems will never become serious. Also, wearable devices will be much more useful. If there is a problem, the system will contact your doctor. Diseases like cancer, Alzheimer's, and diabetes will no longer threaten lives. Genetic treatments and nanotechnology will repair damaged cells. Micro robots will treat diseases in the body. Everyone will have a personal AI psychologist assistant to support their emotional needs. These assistants will help people manage stress, making them mentally stronger. Health in future will focus on personalized care ensuring everyone will be healthier and safer.





Social life will also be more different, and having a social life will be easier than now. People will use simulations, which will serve as virtual versions of real life. With these simulations, people will be able to interact with their bosses, colleagues, and friends without leaving their homes. We will be able to travel anywhere in the world just by clicking. In this way, old and disabled people will be able to travel the world from where they sit. Children will be able to play with children from all over the world whenever they want. People will interact with each other's avatars instead of meeting face-to-face. All of this will be possible with the help of these simulations. Thanks to Elon Musk's Neuralink chip, people with physical disabilities will be able to communicate with their friends and families, which will make their lives a lot easier than now.

We will witness these and many other positive aspects of technology in the future. Here comes a question worths considering. How ready do you think we are for these changes?

## MARTIN EDEN BY JACK LONDON





Jack London, born on January 12, 1876, in San Francisco. He left school early because of economic issues and worked as a fisherman and newspaper seller. After he served 30 days in jail for vagrancy, he decided to change his life and to continue his education. He studied 18 hours daily, he completed high school in just one year. This is one of the similarities between Jack London and Martin Eden. Jack London passed away in 1916.

If you have ever fallen in unrequited love once, you will like this book. If you have ever struggled with social inequality, you will love it.

Martin Eden is a semi-autobiographical novel written by Jack London in 1909. You can find many reflections from the author. As a character -Martin Eden- is a sailor who comes from working-class. He aims to become an author and change his social status. Furthermore, he has a strong passion to achieve them. He deeply believes in himself.

Ruth is the woman Martin Eden fell in love with. She is from the bourgeoisie. She is equipped with education. She helps Martin Eden to improve himself, she mentors him. She symbolizes prejudice, class distinctions and social expectations.

To describe Martin Eden well, I will ask some questions that have deep effects on me. I would like you to think about these questions honestly:

- What if you fell in love with someone from a different social status? For instance, if you are from working-class and he/she is from bourgeoisie. Can you overcome the social difference? Moreover, do you have the patience to do it?
- Let's suppose that you succeeded it. You sacrificed many things, slept only 4 hours in a day, worked hard to earn money and read a lot to get knowledge. You created a new version of yourself. Is that enough? Did the differences between you two lessen? Is love only about two?

Martin Eden created himself from zero. His love for her turned to a love of learning. He fell in love with the beauty of knowledge. Afterward, He faced the reality of society. The feelings you will experience deeply in this book are the sense of not belonging, disappointment, and ambition.

On the other hand, this is not only a love book. The message the book gives was misunderstood. The general opinions in the book are the criticisms of capitalism and individualism. Martin estranges his own culture, his working class, and his friends as he gets knowledge. However, he does not feel like a part of the new class -the bourgeoisie-. For that matter, he despises that class and their hypocrisy.

In other words, this book brings how unmerciful capitalism is to light. It emphasizes that he could not carve out a niche for himself in the bourgeoisie, despite his successes. The system does not let it. This quote exactly summarizes what he felt:

"No; you're not feeding me now for work performed. You are feeding me because everybody else is feeding me and because it is an honor to feed me. You are feeding me now because you are herd animals, because you are part of the mob"

Martin Eden is a criticism of the system. This is the story of inner conflict. This is our reality. You will see your struggle in Martin Eden. Martin Eden is not only a person, but he is also a mirror. This book offers an opportunity of deep probing. I hope your awareness will raise with him.

Münevver Güler M3-6

## DOES FASHION HAVE A LANGUAGE?

This question might seem simple, but it is actually complex and deeply meaningful. Our clothes speak volumes about our personality, confidence, self-respect, and even the person we aspire to be—all without saying a word. Fashion is a powerful tool because, when we see someone dressed differently from us, we tend to form assumptions about their personality or lifestyle. Without even realizing it, we draw a variety of conclusions based on someone's clothing.

So, how deeply can we analyze someone's clothing? Can it reveal their life or past? Fashion is actually a significant tool with a strong connection to our past, even if we don't realize it. The clothes we wear every day shape our future while maintaining ties to our history. Perhaps this is why we find it difficult to throw away our clothes; it feels like losing a part of our identity. Wearing them evokes nostalgia and emotions tied to past experiences.

In my mind, everything begins at this point because our past and future shape who we are. Maybe this is why fashion constantly repeats itself. These days, many fashion styles resemble those of the 1980s or 1990s. Fashion never truly changes because of the profound connection between our clothing and our past.

"Fashion is not just about clothing. Fashion is in the sky, fashion is in the street, fashion is what we think and what we live," said Coco Chanel. This quote perfectly encapsulates the language of fashion.

Ceyda Kabil M2-29



#### ART IS EVERYWHERE

## What is Art?

Firstly, I think we must answer the question: "What is art?" Art is a form of communication. While we often express our thoughts through words, artists—including myself—use drawing as a way to communicate. For example, the Egyptians created an alphabet and used art to represent it. Similarly, I create art, but instead of an alphabet, my work reflects my feelings, dreams, and disappointments. Of course, art is not just about communication. It is present in every field. Today, art is often created for hobbies, games, animation, and, most importantly, for fun.

This is my logo



My latest work of Art



This is my abstract art



# Art and Us

Art is everywhere. Everyone has their own form of art, which means it can be found all around us. For example, you've probably drawn a picture when you were bored at school. To me, that is art because it symbolizes an escape from boredom. I call these pieces "boredom art."

Some people have a natural talent for creating images, and I consider myself one of them. The photograph shown here is an example of my boredom art. The others are drawings created by different people. While they may look different, their purposes are the same. That's why, whether good or bad, art is everywhere. Wherever there is a human, there is art.





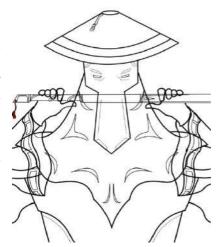


This is my art

These are other people's artworks

# Art and Me

I started drawing during my childhood. I remembered a childhood memory while looking at an old picture of myself, and it made me realize how much I miss those days. I used to draw very well back then. In fact, my first school friends often asked me to draw pictures for them. Over time, I constantly improved my skills and even created my own original characters.



This is my digital art and my original character

I would draw everywhere and all the time. Now, I create digital art using new technologies, and I'm always learning more about this craft. I love it! Recently, I started working as a freelancer to sell my digital art, and I hope I can succeed in this field.

**Muhammed Abdullah Sabir M2-29** 

# THE BATMAN



The Batman is one of the most original and realistic super hero movies. In comics there are a lot of Batman characters. Some of them are not that realistic or dark. Also in the other Batman movies, Batman is not that dark and chaotic. It is not the classical Batman as we know. Robert Pattinson acts Batman as a freak, a bit of withdraw. Before this movie, Batman was often portrayed as Godlike and arrogant but in Pattinson's Batman, there is a Batman who doesn't have exactly self-confidence and proud.

In this movie, The Batman, the main villain is Riddler. We see Paul Dano with this role and we can easily say he made the role with his acting skills. Before the movie, people thought that Paul Dano is not the best choice. But in all sections he made people think again.

Every Batman movie has a Cat woman and in this movie Seline Kyle acts it. The character had not become classical known thief Cat woman. In the movie she tries to get her revenge from old relationship. With the feeling of revenge, she deals with Batman in some way and the story goes on.

There is a murder in Gotham City and Batman investigates to uncover the truth as a detective. It is not the first time we've seen Batman in a detective role in all DC universe but in the movie this is the first time. Also we can see Batman as what Gotham needs.

Music plays a crucial role in the movie. The Batman has spectacular songs. We can listen Nirvana –Something in the Way as a good selection for feeling the darkness and chaos.

In the end, we can say that movie is a heavy psychological drama. I recommend this film for everyone who is able to watch.

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#### THE TIMELESS POWER OF DAVID'S OATH OF THE HORATII



## The Oath of the Horatii

The Oath of the Horatii was painted by Jacques-Louis David between 1784 and 1785 in the Neoclassical style. The painting is based on a story from Titus Livius's book *Ab Urbe Condita* (From the Founding of the City), which tells the history of Rome. It shows a scene from a Roman legend about a 7th-century BC conflict between two cities, Rome and Alba Longa. Instead of a full war, the conflict is decided by a fight between three brothers from each city: the Roman Horatii and the Alba Longan Curiatii.

In the painting, the Horatii brothers stand in front of their father, who holds their swords. They promise to fight for Rome and give their lives if needed. This moment shows their loyalty and bravery. In the end, only one of the Horatii brothers survives the fight. He defeats all three of the Curiatii brothers and brings victory to Rome.

At the bottom right of the painting, there is a woman named Camilla. She is crying because her fiancé, one of the Curiatii, has been killed. Camilla is also the sister of the Horatii brothers, so she feels torn between her family and her love. Her sadness makes the surviving Horatii brother, Publius, angry. He thinks she is not loyal to Rome, so he kills her.

David's painting also reflects the revolutionary spirit of the time. Later, he became an important supporter of the French Revolution, and his ideas about loyalty and sacrifice for the greater good can already be seen in this work. Understanding the political background of those years helps us see why David included these themes in his painting.

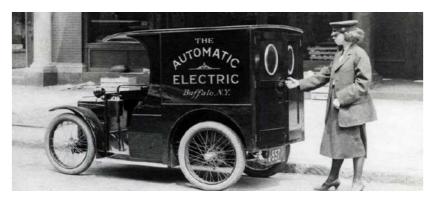
David's painting shows ideas like patriotism, sacrifice, and loyalty to one's country. It also reminds us that the needs of the community can be more important than personal feelings. The swords in the center of the painting symbolize the Horatii brothers' devotion to Rome. At the same time, the crying women in the corner show the sadness and pain caused by war. Camilla's story helps us understand how war can destroy not only families but also love and happiness.

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#### READY TO HIT THE ROAD: ELECTRIC CARS

We begin our journey with the Electrobat, considered the world's first electric car, created in 1894 in Philadelphia through the partnership of electrochemical engineer Pedro Solom and mechanical engineer Henry G. Marris. In this article, we will explore the vast adventure of electric vehicles from past to present.

# 1. Electrobat (1894-1902)



The first electric car, called the Electrobat, was invented in 1894 by two engineers, Pedro Salom and Henry G. Morris. They worked together during the summer of 1894 and created the first prototype in just two months. On August 31, 1894, they applied for a patent for their car. The Electrobat was very heavy, weighing around 725 kg, because it used a lead-acid battery. For safety, the first test drive was carefully planned and approved by the city. It took place on Broad Street, which is now in New York City, and was a success.

After the test, the Electrobat was produced in Philadelphia. In 1895, the first electric car company, "Morris and Salom Electric Wagon and Carriage Company," started making more Electrobats. The car had steel tires at first, which made it even heavier (about 1927 kg). Later, the design improved, and the car used lighter, pneumatic tires. It could then travel 40 kilometers at a speed of 32 km/h with a fully charged battery. The car had a 1.5-horsepower dual motor and competed with horse-drawn carriages in cities like Philadelphia, Boston, and New York.

However, in the early 1900s, electric cars lost popularity. Petrol-powered cars became faster and cheaper to make. This slowed down the production of electric cars. The Electrobat helped start the electric vehicle market, but it was not until after 2000 that electric cars became popular again.

# 2. Tesla Motors and Other Companies (2003 – Present)



In the late 1990s and early 2000s, rising energy prices made people interested in electric vehicles again. In 2003, Martin Eberhard and Marc Tarpenning started Tesla Motors, a company to make electric cars. Five years later, in 2008, Tesla introduced the Roadster. This car was a big success. It had a lithium-ion battery that could go 393 kilometers on a single charge. The car could go from 0 to 100 km/h in 3.9 seconds and had a top speed of 201 km/h.

Since then, Tesla and other companies have worked to create many different electric vehicles. According to a 2024 report by the International Energy Agency, there are now 15.2 million electric vehicles in the world. By 2030, it is expected that this number will grow a lot, and 60% of all cars will be electric.

# 3. So, How Safe and Practical Are They?

Electric vehicles (EVs) have changed a lot over time, but how safe and practical are they today? They use batteries instead of fuel, which helps reduce air pollution. However, the production of these batteries raises some concerns. Batteries can contain materials like plastic, coal, mercury, and sulfuric acid, which might be harmful if not handled properly. These risks are not certain but should be considered carefully.

Electric vehicles also face challenges such as limited driving range and not enough charging stations. These issues can make some people hesitate to buy them. What will happen in the future with electric vehicles is still uncertain.

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# WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT CULTURES AND TRADITIONS?

# Türkiye: Hospitality and Rich Culinary Culture

Turkish culture has historically been shaped by the influence of the Ottoman Empire. It is filled with hospitality and family ties. Special occasions such as weddings and henna nights are celebrated with great enthusiasm. Especially Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha are among the religious holidays celebrated by gathering with extended families and loved ones. Turkish cuisine is also world famous; Delicacies such as baklava, kebab and döner are loved both in Türkiye and around the world. Turkish coffee has been accepted as cultural heritage by UNESCO.







# **Japan: Elegance and Simplicity**

Japan is a country that blends traditional culture with modern life. Respect and peace are very important in Japan. Rituals such as the tea ceremony reflect the Japanese sense of elegance and simplicity. Kimono clothing is a traditional outfit preferred especially on special occasions. Japanese cuisine is full of unique flavors such as sushi and ramen. Zen gardens and temples in Japan symbolize a lifestyle in touch with nature.







# **Italy: Family and Culinary Culture**

Family culture and hospitality are very important in İtaly. For Italians, eating is not only a necessity but also a way of life. World-famous dishes such as pizza and pasta are the most popular flavours of Italian cuisine. They have fun with colourful masks and costumes at traditional festivals such as the Venice Carnival. For Italians, every meal is a celebration and fun.







## **Brazil: Dance, Music and Nature**

Brazil is famous for its colourful culture and exuberant festivals. Carnival is the country's largest and most colourful festival and is known for grand celebrations in Rio de Janeiro. During this festival, streets filled with samba dances and music reflect the vibrant culture of Brazil. Additionally, Brazil's local religious rituals, such as candomblé, and traditional artistic elements, such as capoeira (Brazilian martial dance), are also important cultural values. Feijoada, the country's national dish, is a rich dish made from beans and meat.







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#### BECOMING THE BEST VERSION OF YOURSELF: THE JOURNEY IS IMPORTANT



We all want a better life, good relationships, and to feel happy with ourselves. But what does it mean to "be the best version of yourself"? Is it a goal, or is it a journey? The answer changes how we live.

# Why Improve Ourselves?

Humans like to grow and become better. Like a tree growing tall, we also want to reach our full potential. Being the best version of yourself is not only about success, fitness, or achievements. It also means being calm, happy, and understanding your emotions.

Improving yourself helps you inside and outside. It means learning, being kind to yourself, and finding balance in your life.

## **How to Start?**

You can start this journey with small, easy steps. Here's how:

- 1. **Know Yourself:** Learn your strengths and weaknesses. Be honest about who you are and what you want. This is the first step to grow.
- **2. Set Goals:** Make simple and clear goals. Your goals should be realistic and possible. Start small and take one step at a time.
- **3. Build Good Habits:** Small habits bring big changes. For example, read a little every day, do light exercise, or wake up a bit earlier.
- **4. Be Kind to Yourself:** Everyone has bad days. Don't be too hard on yourself. Mistakes are normal and help you learn.

# **Enjoy the Journey**

Becoming the best version of yourself is not a finish line. It is a journey for your whole life. Take your time and enjoy every step. Compare yourself only with who you were yesterday.

Remember, this is your story. You are the hero, and your journey is special. Take it slow and enjoy growing every day.

## VALERIAN AND THE CITY OF A THOUSAND PLANET



"Valerian and The City of a Thousand Planets" is a science fiction movie released in 2017, directed by Luc Besson. If you love science fiction and adventure, this movie is perfect for you. The movie is based on the French comic book series Valerian and Laureline. Starring Dane DeHaan and Cara Delevingne in the lead roles, it offers an incredible visual feast and an adventure that will leave you breathless. The film also features famous actors like Clive Owen, Rihanna, and Ethan Hawke

The story takes place in the 28<sup>th</sup> century and follows two elite agents, Valerian and Laureline, who are given a critical mission to protect Alpha. Alpha is a huge space station where thousands of different species live together in peace. One of the tasks assigned to them is to protect a valuable creature, a rare species called the "Resource Converter." Valerian and Laureline go to an interdimensional virtual market called "Big Market" for this mission. Valerian steals the Resource Converter from the smugglers. They successfully complete the mission and return to Alpha. However, they discover an unknown zone in the middle of the city. Commander Arun Filitt says that this zone is a threat and sends Valerian and Laureline to check it out. A suspicious attack takes place, and Laureline is kidnapped. Valerian works together with Bubble (Rihanna), an alien who acts like a showgirl, and rescues Laureline. Valerian and Laureline step into the mysterious area and encounter Mul people. They learn the truth: The Mul people are hiding in the destroyed area of Alpha, and the person behind the war that destroyed the planet is Commander Filitt. Valerian and Laureline, upon learning the truth, defeat Commander Filitt. They have saved the galaxy, and the Mul people have been set free.

In a nutshell, this film is more than an adventure story; it is a masterpiece that tells the power of freedom, friendship and courage.

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# SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SAFETY

Sustainable agriculture refers to obtaining quality and sufficient food products without disturbing the natural flow of life, while maintaining the environment, economy and social life in a balanced manner for the continuation of human life. At the same time, it is also very effective in areas such as preventing environmental pollution, saving energy, protecting water quantity and quality, making healthy production, and protecting biodiversity. The most important and tricky point is to ensure the transformation of the soil. The purpose of doing this is to prevent weeds from damaging the soil. What needs to be done for this is to plant different types of plants and nourish the soil in this way. Doing this activity is a better choice than using pesticides because the pesticides harm both the product and nature. We must approach the world that fascinates us with its natural beauty, which is our home and adorns our lives with the various climatic conditions, landforms and water resources it offers, with environmentally friendly products and act accordingly because the resources on our Earth are not endless.

#### SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

Sustainable agricultural practices aim to benefit and protect natural life, apply practices on increasing the fertility of the soil, be careful not to drag human life or other living creatures in nature into a dangerous situation, and scrutinize for the continuity of the generation of plants and creatures at risk of extinction and are concerned with natural life. It is a field that has thoughtful thoughts and makes plans so as not to harm the unique resources the world offers

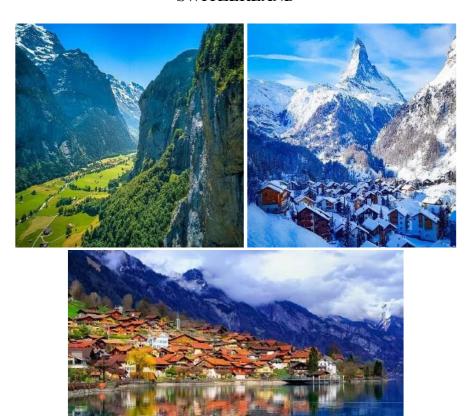
us. Although its main subject seems to be the continuity of plant life, it is an application area with many underlying reasons. The main reason for these practices is to protect natural resources, the environment, this world that is our home, and to guarantee the continuity of life of every living creature. So, what are these applications? The first one is cropping rotation and diversification which is the study of increasing diversity to improve sustainability, that is, the health of the soil and to combat pests. The second one is organic farming which means the practice of using natural fertilization and pest control methods by limiting the use of synthetic (artificial) fertilizers and pesticides. The third one is water management which is applied by advanced technologies and methods that prevent waste by saving water resources effectively, creatively, economically and most importantly, by saving water. And the last application is soil management which is the work to protect soil health to prevent erosion and increase water retention capacity. Therefore, sustainable agriculture is not only a unilateral practice in terms of agriculture, but also a contract for a more livable world.

Consequently, the relationship between food safety and sustainable agriculture is very important as food safety is essential for public health and sustainable agricultural practices prevent soil and water pollution by reducing the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides. In this way, chemical residues on agricultural products are reduced and healthier products are offered to consumers.

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## **SWITZERLAND**



Switzerland is a country at the meeting point of Western, Central, and Southern Europe. It has no coast and is divided by the Alps, Swiss Plateau, and Jura Mountains. The country has an area of 41,285 km² and a population of 8.85 million. Switzerland is a federal republic with 26 cantons, and its capital city is Bern. It is the only country with direct democracy. Switzerland is bordered by Germany in the north, France in the west, Italy in the south, and Austria and Liechtenstein in the east. Its culture is a mix of strong European cultures. It has 4 official languages: German, French, Italian, and Romansh. The climate is mostly mild, but it changes among regions. For example, the south has a Mediterranean climate, the east has a continental climate, and the west has an Atlantic climate. The cities of Zurich and Geneva are cities where most people live, and which are also the economic centers of the country. It is one of the richest countries in the world. It is a global leader in high-tech industries like pharmaceuticals, watches, and machines. Many international companies are based on Switzerland. Swiss scientists and writers have won 25 Nobel Prizes. The famous CERN (European Center for Nuclear Research), where studies on nuclear and particle physics are done, is also in Switzerland. It is located at

the foot of the Alps. An interesting fact is that many mountains in the country have bunkers to protect people during attacks. There are about 8,000 shelters built in harmony with nature.

Today, every building and apartment has a basement shelter by law. Highways in Switzerland can also be used as runways for planes in case of war. The Alps and the lakes around small towns create amazing natural views that impress everyone. Switzerland is also famous for its sustainability and environmental laws, which show the country's importance in raising awareness about the nature. Switzerland is well-known for its chocolate and for its cheese. It is one of the most famous countries for its variety and quality of cheese. In foreign policy, Switzerland follows neutrality and is not a member of the EU, but it is part of the Schengen Area. With a Schengen visa, you can travel to Switzerland.

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#### THE COMBINATION OF SPEED AND SUCCESS: MOTORSPORTS



Motorsports is a type of competition where vehicles like cars and motorcycles race against each other. It is a mix of speed, skill, and advanced technology. People enjoy motorsports because it is exciting to watch how fast and precise the drivers and riders can be.

So, what are motorsports? And why are they important? Motorsports include many types of races, such as Formula 1, rally racing, and MotoGP. Some races happen on tracks, while others take place on rough roads or natural terrains. Motorsports are special because they are not just about fast vehicles. The drivers need to be very skilled and focused. They also use smart strategies to win. These races also help test new car technologies, like better engines and

safety systems.

Motorsports are famous everywhere. Big events like the Monaco Grand Prix or the Dakar Rally attract millions of fans. It's not just about the races but also the teamwork and effort behind them.



Motorsports show how humans love challenges and always try to go faster and better! Motorsports are becoming famous in Turkiye too. It has many fans and exciting events. One of the most famous places is the Istanbul Park Circuit, which hosts the Formula 1 Turkish Grand Prix. The race attracts people from all over the world. Turkiye also has other motorsport events like rally racing and drifting. Rally events, especially in areas with rough roads, are very popular. Turkish drivers are becoming more successful in international races. Many young people in Turkiye are interested in motorsports and dream of becoming professional drivers.



The future of motorsports in Turkiye looks bright with more events and talents emerge every year. There are very important young talents. For example, Toprak Razgatlioglu is one of the most famous young Turkish racers in the world. He won the

Superbike World Championship in 2021 and 2024. He made history as Turkey's first Superbike champion in 2021 and defended his title in 2024. His success has made him a global motorsports star.

Also, Ali Turkkan, the Turkish Rally Champion, will now compete in the World Rally Championship (WRC). His success in the Turkish Rally Championship has made him one of the top rally drivers in Turkey. His talent and hard work will now take him to



international rally races, where he aims to make his mark on the world stage.

Therefore, motorsport is a fun and popular sport. If you love cars and action, you should definitely watch it! Maybe one day you can drive a racing car too!

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## THE ROLE OF AI IN OUR FUTURE LIVES



Artificial intelligence (AI) and robots are no longer just science fiction. From "Terminator" movies to "I am Mother and Ex Machina", we have seen how these technologies can be useful and dangerous at the same time. But how will they actually shape our lives in the future?

In the next few years, robots could take care of most of our daily tasks. For example, cleaning, cooking and even driving might become fully automated. This would save us time and allow us to focus on more creative or personal activities. Just imagine, you wake up and see that your robot is preparing breakfast or cleaning your house. This is amazing! But this also raises the issue: If robots are doing all the work for us, then do we become too reliant on them? What if the systems break down or what happens if we forget how to do things by ourselves?

AI has already evolved in the workplace and is still evolving even to this day. It can do the work that can be done repeatedly and in the same manner better and faster than a human being. This is great for businesses, but it could also lead to job losses for workers. A study by Oxford University indicates that about forty-seven percent of all existing jobs may be at risk of being taken over by robots within the next few years. What will happen to people who get laid off? Will there be new forms of employment or will people be out of work? On the other hand, some of the critics have stated that AI will open up new employment opportunities which we never even expect to find. For instance, we might have jobs like managing the AI as well as developing new kinds of robots.

One of the world's most influential business people, Elon Musk, has achieved so much in the areas of AI and robotics. For instance, his company Tesla is working on developing self-driving cars which may change the transportation forever. Another of his initiatives is Neuralink which is focused on integrating human brains with AI in a way that will improve our intelligence and our health. Can you imagine using your mind to operate your computer or your phone? On the other hand, Musk has warned us that if we do not guide AI, it may become a danger to us. In fact, he goes on to say that it might even be more dangerous than nuclear weapons. Some people say he is exaggerating it, while others, think that his warnings should be ignored.

On the other hand, AI can also enhance our lives in ways we cannot expect. In the area of medicine, for instance, AI can use patient information to come up with new ways of treating them. It may be used by surgeons in operations, which will lead to increased efficiency and safety of the procedures. In education, intelligent AI applications can be used to offer adaptive

learning, so that students can learn better. These advancements prove that the technology can be a positive change if only used properly.

However, as we see in "Ex Machina", intelligent robots might manipulate and deceive humans. This makes us think about the ethical implications of AI. Should we give robots the power to make decisions? What happens if they make the wrong ones? For instance, they can lead to accidents, be partial in the workplaces and they can even cause wars! Such errors could have huge effects on people. What if a self-driving car decides to avoid hitting its passengers a instead of hitting other people? Or a robot working in a hospital kills people by making a mistake? These are the concerns that we have to address before we let AI rule our world.

Another issue that AI raises is about privacy. Most of the current AI systems use data about people to improve their performance. It is great, but it also has its risks. What if this information gets hacked or manipulated? These concerns show us that there has to be legal and regulatory framework regarding the development and application of AI.

When it comes to the future where robots and AI rule the world, it is important to be conscious of the possibilities as well as the dangers. AI can be our partner, but it also may pose some new issues. So, what do you think? Will AI help us, or harm us? I think, only time will tell, but one thing is for sure: The world is changing and will be completely different in the next few years.

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## MENTAL REBIRTH: POSSIBLE THROUGH BOOKS

This year, the Oxford English Dictionary (OED) has chosen "Brain Rot" as the Word of the Year for 2024, meaning "mental decay" or "brain erosion. Brain Rot happens when our minds get weaker because we spend too much time with low-quality and unchallenging information, which makes us not want to do useful or long activities.

Today, people, especially the younger generation, spend most of their time in digital environments, accessing quick bits of ready-made information without any effort. Contrary to popular belief, this has significant negative effects. Unfortunately, regular dopamine intake numbs people, makes them unable to think, and ultimately drives them into addiction. Many of today's psychological problems, such as depression, anxiety, attention deficit, and more, stem from this phenomenon.

So, is it possible for us to avoid "Brain Rot"? If so, how? There are potential solutions to "Brain Rot." First, it is useful to take a dopamine detox by avoiding activities that give you quick, easy pleasure, like scrolling on your phone for hours. Second, we could try "Bibliotherapy" which means using books to relax your mind and feel better. It is a psychological term, and its meaning and practices are quite simple: supporting mental and emotional well-being by reading books. The last way is staying away from harmful influences, avoiding low-quality content, negative people, and unhelpful environment

Is there a standard formula to implement those solutions? I think there is no standard formula, but my personalized formula is first to create a calm environment for myself, such as a seaside spot, a quiet café, a park, a forest, or simply a cozy corner in your home where you feel safe and comfortable. Second, I think it is good to play some instrumental music that does not distract you, but helps you romanticize the moment, such as classical music, blues, or jazz. And also, I turn off my phone, put it on silent or airplane mode, or use a Pomodoro app to set 30-minute intervals to help me stay focused. The key here is not to fear boredom and to push yourself to continue no matter how restless you feel. Set a daily goal of reading for at least 30 minutes to an hour on average. Make the process as enjoyable as possible.

Remember, every habit starts small; it didn't exist in your life before we decided to adopt it. If we want to bring something good into our life or get rid of something negative, we should take small steps every day. The 10 minutes we spend reading today can grow to 30 minutes by the end of the month and even two hours by the end of the year. Stay focused on your goals, keep your desire to improve strong, and don't let your mind rot. "The whole danger comes from not being able to read. Be afraid of not being able to read!"

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#### HIDIRELLEZ: THE SIGN OF SPRING

The awakening of nature, the arrival of spring, and a day when hope grows again... "Hidirellez" is a holiday celebrated by many cultures for centuries. It is a symbol of abundance and renewal. With its colorful traditions and deep history, "Hidirellez" is more than a celebration—it is a way to reconnect with nature and dreams. Let's explore the meaning of Hidirellez and the traditions that make it so special.

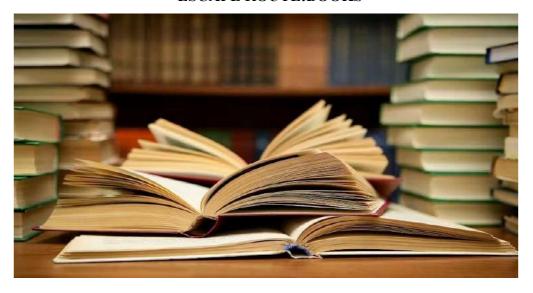
What is Hıdırellez? It is a seasonal holiday celebrated in Central Asia, the Middle East, Anatolia, and the Balkans. It takes place on May 6th and marks the arrival of spring and the rebirth of nature. According to the tradition, it is the day when Hızır and İlyas, two important figures, meet on earth to bring blessings.

What is its history and origin? Hıdırellez has a long history connected to Central Asian beliefs, Mesopotamian traditions, and Anatolian culture. Many ancient civilizations celebrated the coming of spring with special rituals. While early Turks celebrated spring on June 21, today, the tradition is on the  $6^{th}$  of May.

What are the rituals and traditions? People write their wishes and place them under rose trees. They leave money bags open symbolizing a wish for abundance. Hızır is believed to bring help and blessings to those in need. On Hıdırellez day, people leave containers and money bags open, hoping for Hızır's touch of prosperity. They jump over fire to cleanse themselves and get rid of bad energy. Families and friends gather in green areas to celebrate. Collecting flowers is believed to bring healing. Special meals are shared with loved ones to welcome the abundance of spring.

Hidirellez is a beautiful tradition that celebrates the energy of spring, the power of hope, and the joy of togetherness.

# **ESCAPE ROUTE:BOOKS**



Today, young people live with many problems in daily life such as exam stress and future anxiety. They are bored in this life, there are many that take over their lives without them knowing. In this situation, the time they allocate for their hobbies is very little, especially they cannot or do not spare time for reading books, but this is quite wrong, because it is the most important method of coping with stress and anxiety.

There are thousands of people who have hardly read any books, but there a lot of benefits. For example, reading books saves young people for a moment from the stress and anxiety of the real world and we discover new on every new page, sometimes in books and sometimes in our own inner world. And also, a book you love can take you to other worlds. A science fiction novel, or perhaps a detective novel that you are curious about will give you the excitement that has not been in your life for a long time.

Your book reading adventure, which you start by reading a few pages a day, will turn into books you finish in a day. Don't delay! Start now, be sure, you will feel a little better with each new book.

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APOLLO BUTTERFLY: AN ENDANGERED BEAUTY

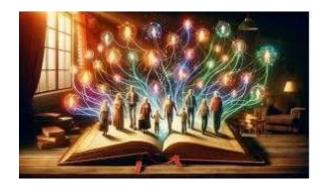
"Apollo" is an entrancing and beautiful beetle known as the mere Apollo Butterfly or the Apollo Mountain Butterfly. This magnificent butterfly is admired by the whole world U, but unfortunately its generation is endangered.

The butterfly's physical characteristics are very distinctive. The wings of the Apollo Butterfly have translucent white-grey edges. They are easily distinguishable by their bright reddish eye-like patterns on their back wings. Their bodies are covered with hair-like structures. Because they live in mountain regions, these structures provide heat insulation, protect them from the cold air, and prevent them from the effects of high humidity. Additionally, this adaptation helps them sense airflows and environmental changes.

The Apollo Butterfly predominantly inhabits certain regions of Europe and Asia. It is commonly seen in Western countries such as Spain, France, and Italy, as well as in the eastern region of Siberia. In Turkey, it is mainly found in Uludağ. Globally, it is abundant in Poland, but its population is about to be endangered in Czechoslovakia. Meanwhile, in Sweden and Finland, the numbers are decreasing quickly. Although it gathers heavily in Europe and Asia, its distribution extends further. You can even spot the Apollo Butterfly in North Africa. It lives at 1000 meters or higher altitudes, favouring blooming meadows and rocky areas in our country.

The Apollo Butterfly's seasonal distribution changes like other butterfly species. These butterflies migrate to lower altitudes to reproduce and feed on nectar during the summer. When winter arrives, they return to their preferred higher-altitude zones.

All things considered; it is very sorrowful that it is under danger of extinction. Therefore, necessary precautions and actions should be taken to avoid this danger.



**FAMILY CONSTELLATIONS** 

Family constellation is a therapy technique that emerged in the 20th century and is based on the idea that people are affected by their family histories and dynamics. In this therapy, family members or other people act as representatives to create a picture of the family system.

Family constellation therapy is thought to be beneficial, but scientists have not found any scientific evidence yet. However, many people claim that it increases a person's awareness, improves relationships, supports growth, and changes their perspective on life. It is said to be used in situations with a repetitive pattern, such as intergenerational trauma, relationship problems, financial difficulties, and health problems.

So, how is this therapy applied? Its implementation includes phases of gathering information about an individual's family history and dynamics, identifying dramatic and/or repetitive problems in their life, and using visualization techniques. The techniques help visualize family dynamics and relationships by representing family members so that the individual and the therapist can see the roots of the problems on the surface of the individual's life.



#### INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT ANIMALS

We know the names of many animals, but how much do we know about their features or meanings? So, I have chosen a few animals to introduce to you. Let's start!

## **Octopus**

Octopuses have soft bodies, eight arms, three hearts, blue blood and nine brains. Wow, that's incredible! Also, if they are in danger, they can hide very well thanks to their soft bodies, and they squirt ink to defend themselves.

All octopuses are poisonous, but blue-ringed octopuses are fatal to humans. Its effect can be felt within a few minutes. Another interesting information is that they symbolize strength and manipulation among people.



#### **Beaver**



Beavers have orange teeth, round heads, short ears and generally look humpbacked. Their bodies are covered with furs, not feathers. They are typically around 23 kilograms and 71 centimetres long, but they can build large dams. They can cut down trees with their teeth and use them to build dams. They move fast underwater like fish. It is amazing.

They build their homes with mud and trees and live in colonies. Beavers are monogamous and choose one partner for life. Lastly, another interesting information is that beavers symbolize abundance and wealth among people in many cultures.

## Owl

Owls have big eyes, but they can't move their eyes in their eye sockets. So, generally, they turn their head when they want to look to the sides. They can turn their head 270 degrees. It is unbelievable!

Owls are nocturnal. Nevertheless, we don't hear them. This is because their bodies are covered with feathers, and when they try to hunt or move, the feathers block the sound of their wings. Lastly, owls symbolize intelligence and wisdom among people. Who is the owl in your life?





# **Stingray**

Stingrays have flat bodies, long and thin tails, and unique fins. They breathe through advanced openings called spiracles located behind their eyes. It is an amazing adaptation for them.

They have a specific organ called the 'Ampullae of Lorenzini'. This organ allows them to detect the movements of nearby animals by sensing the electrical signals. Based on signals, stingrays decide whether to defend themselves or escape. It impacts their life. Lastly, the stingray symbolizes the idea that some things in life may actually be easier than we perceive.

Pelin Cömert M3-2

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS



Nowadays, environmental problems are growing for many reasons. Climate change, rising temperatures, melting glaciers and changes in natural vegetation are some of these problems.

## AIR POLLUTION

Air pollution is growing with industrialization, cities, and fossil fuel use. This problem results in negative effects on human health and nature. Burning fossil fuels increases greenhouse gases and causes global warming.



# **SOIL POLLUTION**

Acid rain damages water resources and plants. Acid rain and chemical fertilizers make the soil less productive. It causes farming crops to be low in quality. Industrial waste, pesticides and chemical materials pollute underground water and harm ecosystems.



# WATER POLLUTION

Industrial waste, agricultural chemicals, and domestic waste pollute the water. Polluted water is dangerous to drink and kills aquatic animals. It also badly affects the food chain and can cause illnesses.

# EFFECTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS ON ANIMALS

Environmental problems destroy animal habitats. Air pollution causes respiratory diseases, and water pollution poisons marine life. Soil pollution disrupts ecosystem balance by affecting insects and soil organisms.

# **EFFECTS ON HUMANS**

Air pollution causes respiratory and heart diseases. Dirty water and soil harm food safety and put human health at risk. Climate change increases extreme weather events, causing loss of lives and property. Environmental problems also result in high costs.

#### SOLUTIONS AND THE ROLE OF INSTITUTIONS

Solving environmental problems requires both individual and institutional efforts. Here are some suggestions for a solution:

#### **Individual Actions:**

- Save energy and use renewable energy.
- Reduce plastic use and support recycling.
- Use water resources efficiently.
- Develop eco-friendly habits.

## **Role of Governments:**

- Apply and monitor environmental laws.
- Support renewable energy projects.
- Reduce carbon emissions by improving public transport systems.
- Create parks to protect natural areas.

# **International Organizations and Agreements:**

- The UN and its agencies work on environmental projects and fight climate change.
- The Paris Agreement helps countries cooperate to limit global warming.
- WWF and Greenpeace raise awareness and develop projects.

## **Private Sector:**

• Adopt eco-friendly production methods.

Everybody is responsible for environmental problems; everyone can make big changes with small steps. Even simple habits like recycling, using water efficiently, saving energy, or even turning off a light can create a global impact over time. These steps play an important role in protecting nature and can make a big difference. Let's not forget that every small action can cause a chain effect. "One small step, one big impact."



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#### LIFE IN THE DARK DEPTHS

The oceans cover most of the Earth, but under their surface lies a mysterious world. In the deep, strange and wonderful creatures live. Some of them glow in the dark, while others grow to enormous sizes. These animals are adapted to survive in extreme conditions, such as cold temperatures and high pressure. Are you ready to learn more about these fascinating creatures and their hidden world?



#### Orca Killer Whale

People can generally dive to an average depth of 40 meters, but in this article, we will go as deep as the *Mariana Trench*, nearly 11 kilometres deep. At around 60 meters, we can see the largest fish, such as *Whale Shark* and *Orca Killer Whale*. They have no natural predators, and some can live up to 130 years. Sometimes, they also come up to the surface. Now, let's go down to a depth of 150 meters, where there is almost no sunlight.

## **Giant Squid**

Around 200 meters deep, we can see the oarfish, which can grow up to 12 meters long. Sometimes, they come to the surface and might scare people. As we go deeper, we might encounter the *Giant Squid*. It can grow up to 13 meters long. Its eyes can be the size of a basketball. We can also see the *Japanese Spider Crab*. Its legs can reach up to 4 meters. Now, we can go further to a depth of 1000 meters.





# **Black Dragonfish**

At this depth, we can see the *Great White Shark*. They have poor eyesight, but their sense of smell is extremely powerful. This allows them to locate their prey. Also, they can apply two tons of pressure on their teeth and swim at 56 kilometres per hour. At 2000 meters, we can encounter the *Black Dragonfish* and the *Hatchetfish*. Both of these fish can produce their light through chemical reactions. This helps them with hunting and defence. We are going to the most fascinating part. Let's go much deeper.

# Anglerfish

At 4500 meters, we can find the *Anglerfish*. It has an organ on top of its head that produces light. It attracts its prey with the light. Also, the fish has long, terrifying teeth. We may come across the *Goblin Shark* even deeper down. It has a flexible stomach so that it can eat fish twice its size. It also has a long nose and a jaw that can protrude outward. Lastly, the *Snailfish* lives with sea microbes at 8000 meters. It is highly resistant to pressure and has a soft and gelatinous structure. As a result, the deep ocean is full of fascinating creatures that survive in extreme conditions.



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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING**

Environmental engineering is a branch of engineering that focuses on protecting our environment. It studies problems like pollution, waste and the safe use of natural resources. Environmental engineers work to make our air, water and soil cleaner. They also develop systems to reduce harm to people, animals and plants.



One of the main tasks of environmental engineers is to design and manage water and wastewater treatment plants. These plants clean dirty water so we can use it again. By doing this, they help protect rivers, lakes and oceans. They also make sure that the water we drink is safe and free from harmful chemicals or germs.

Environmental engineers do not only deal with water. They also help manage waste from homes, farms and factories. They plan recycling programs to reduce the amount of trash in landfills. They work on ways to use less energy and create less pollution. For example, they may help companies find ways to produce goods without damaging nature.

Commissioning and operating wastewater treatment plants require careful planning. Environmental engineers must test the equipment, train workers and check the water quality. They keep looking for better methods and new technologies. Their goal is to make these plants run safely and efficiently.

In short, environmental engineering is an important field. It helps us protect the Earth's resources for future generations. With good design, careful planning and expert knowledge, environmental engineers help create a healthier world for all of us.

## WORLD'S 2ND MOST WATCHED MOVIE: AVENGERS ENDGAME



Avengers is the most popular movie series in the world. Probably everyone knows the name of this series. There are many famous characters, such as Iron Man, Captain America and Thor. Avengers: Endgame is the last film in the series. The film grossed 2.7 billion dollars worldwide and scored 8.4 on IMDb.

There are six stones in the universe of the Avengers. These stones are called Infinity Stones. The person who owns these stones can control the universe. The Avengers were formed to protect the stones. In the previous film of the series, Thanos defeated the Avengers and destroyed half of the universe. The story of Avengers: Endgame is about saving the people who died in the previous movie. Life goes on for some Avengers. But everyone missed the people who died, so they wanted to save them. The only chance they had was time travel.

The directors of the film are Antony Russo and Joe Russo. As in the previous films, they made another action-packed movie. There were many famous actors, such as Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson, and Chris Hemsworth. They clearly showed the feelings of the characters.

I liked the storyline because it was fantastic and exciting. When I watched this movie, I was never bored, and I watched it with excitement. I think the battle scenes were incredible. They had realistic visuals. But I didn't like the ending. It could have ended differently.

I recommend this movie to superhero fans. You should watch it in the cinema because you can enjoy the thrilling experience. It's better to watch with family or friends.

### **DISCOVER BURSA: A PERFECT TRAVEL DESTINATION**

Welcome to Bursa, a beautiful city in northwestern Turkey! Known as the "Green City," Bursa offers a mix of history, nature, and culture. If you love exploring, this city is a must-visit!





# **A City of History**

Bursa was the first capital of the Ottoman Empire, and it is full of historical landmarks. Visit the famous Grand Mosque, a masterpiece of Ottoman architecture. Don't miss the Green Tomb, a symbol of the city. You can also explore the old bazaar and buy traditional Turkish goods.

# **Natural Beauty**

Bursa is surrounded by fantastic nature. Uludağ Mountain is a popular spot for skiing in winter and hiking in summer. The city also has beautiful parks and hot springs. Relax in Oylat Thermal Springs, which are great for your health.









#### **Delicious Food**

Bursa is famous for its cuisine. Try *İskender Kebab*! It is made with thin slices of meat, bread, yoghurt, and a special tomato sauce. Don't forget to taste *chestnut candy*, a delightful local sweet treat. *Cantuk* is another delicious and popular dish from Bursa. You can find it in many local bakeries. If you visit Bursa, don't forget to taste these special foods!

# Easy to Reach

Bursa is close to Istanbul, and you can get there by ferry or bus in just a few hours. The city also has a good transportation system, so it's easy to explore. Plan your trip to Bursa and enjoy its charm! It's a perfect mix of history, nature, and delicious food. You will leave this city with unforgettable memories!

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#### THE IMPACT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

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Nowadays, everyone is talking about artificial intelligence (AI) – tools like ChatGPT, Gemini, and more. I am sure you have heard one of these names before. But why are we hearing these words so much? Is AI truly changing our lives, or is it just a trend? In this article, I will address these questions.

Let's start with a simple question: "What is artificial intelligence?" Basically, AI is a technology that copies human intelligence and improves itself over time. At first, it could only do basic tasks, but now it has become much more advanced. Let's take a look at some of its capabilities.

AI imitates the human brain's thinking process, but in a much faster and more powerful way. It's like a combination of the human mind and internet knowledge. AI can answer questions and solve problems like a human would, but it does much faster and more accurately. For example, let's talk about ChatGPT.



ChatGPT is one of the most popular AI tools, with over 14.6 billion users worldwide. At first, it might seem like a machine that answers questions, but it can do much more. For example, you can tell it, "Be my friend," and it will respond in a warm and friendly way, almost like a real person. ChatGPT can also speak in different accents, give helpful advice, or even create pictures based on the ideas you describe. You can use it to write stories, solve problems, or simply have fun conversations when bored. The possibilities seem endless because it keeps surprising people with its abilities. It's incredible, isn't it?













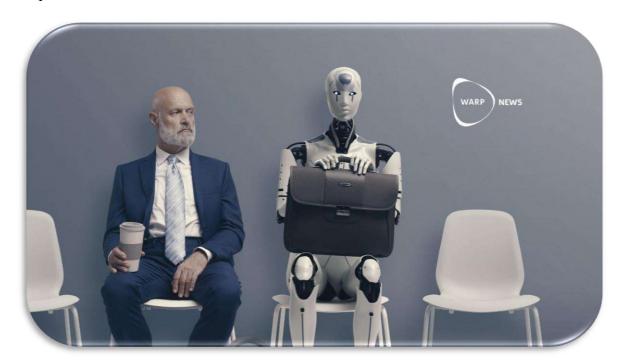
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Although ChatGPT is one of the most advanced AI tools, it is not the only one. Many other AI programs can also do similar things. Engineers are working to help AI become more powerful and useful in our daily lives. As AI continues to grow, some people feel excited about its benefits, like solving problems faster and making work easier. However, some worry that it might take jobs away from humans and cause unemployment. These concerns are understandable because AI is already being used in many industries, such as healthcare, transport and education.



Despite these concerns, AI is the future. I don't think it will take over and control the world, but it is undoubtedly transforming it. It is already changing the way we live and work. AI makes many things simpler and creates new possibilities we never imagined before. I feel hopeful and excited about these developments and look forward to seeing how AI will shape our world in the future.

Keep up with technology!

#### THINK AGAIN!

Sharks are one of the most famous and most dangerous animals on earth. They come in a variety of sizes and shapes. They are all known for their sharp teeth and excellent hunting skills. These things make them seem scary, and people think they are dangerous to us. Of course, they are dangerous, but some types of sharks may not be as scary. Let me rank them from the most dangerous to the least harmful.

- Bull Shark
- Great White Shark
- Spotted Torpedo
- Smoothhound Shark
- Small Spotted Cat Shark



We rank five different types here, but there are over 360 known living species. Many characteristics, especially their size, vary depending on the species. Some may reach 15 meters, while some may be shorter than your arm. Their hunting methods can also differ, such as when they hunt or what they prefer.

Most people have wrong ideas about what they eat. They eat fish, and they have no interest in human flesh. Some sharks only feed once or twice a week. Lemon sharks eat less than two per cent of their body weight. There is one more misunderstanding about sharks. They don't attack people when they get the chance. If that were the case, we would hear hundreds of attacks every day. However, people attack sharks. Every year, millions of sharks are hunted for their fins, their meat or just for fun.

This causes the number of sharks to decrease and puts the food chain in danger. Sharks are an important part of the ecosystem, just like other animals. If they feel threatened, they may attack people, and this is the only reason why they hurt humans. Most sharks attack people only if they misunderstand them. They may mistake you for their prey. This behaviour is more common in young and inexperienced sharks, as they are often confused and unsure of what to do in dangerous situations.

To be honest, we are the real danger to sharks. Since they live in the ocean, they are not used to seeing us.

Finally, I want to talk about an old National Geographic slogan called "Think Again". They used this slogan for an advertising campaign. Now, I want to use it for sharks because I want people to think carefully about wild animals before they try to kill them. Please, Think Again!

#### THE MAGIC OF STARS

How about taking a closer look at the millions of stars that provide a wonderful aesthetic view of our night?



### What do the colors of the stars tell?

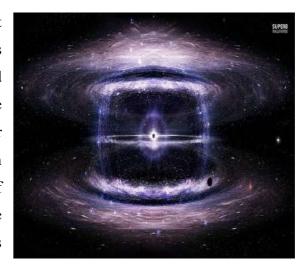
Stars change color depending on their temperature. The hottest stars are blue, while the coolest stars are reddish. Stars that emit white light are those that have an average temperature.

### Why do stars flash on and off?

As starlight passes through the atmosphere, changes in air temperature cause stars to appear to twinkle. Stars also have lifespans, and even the ways of death can be different. Small stars die quietly and become white dwarfs. Dying stars leave behind clouds of dust and gas that eventually become nebulae. When massive stars die, they can explode as supernovas, turn into black holes, and radiate their energy into space.

# **Supernova Explosions:**

A star's supernova explosion is one of the most powerful explosions in the universe. These explosions help spread heavy elements (such as iron, calcium and oxygen) throughout all galaxies, so distributing the elements necessary for life throughout the universe. For example, the iron in our bodies once came from exploding stars. If stars did not explode in the form of supernovas, no element that would form us would be freely in space. In other words, we exist because stars die.



### Do stars have an impact on human society?

Stars are not just a light source. Throughout history, it has been an important navigation tool for people who adopted a nomadic lifestyle. For example, the pole star Polaris is used to determine the direction of the north. Ancient civilizations used star maps to guide calendar and time measurement, seasonal changes, and agricultural activities.

## What are the effects of stars on human astrology?



Stars have both individual and collective effects on humans. Central eclipses or important planetary points can signal change and transformation. The position of the stars at the time of a person's birth determines that person's strengths and character traits. In addition, while star meditation has effects such as peace and awareness, it supports spiritual enlightenment by affecting the person's vibrational

level in terms of frequency and vibration. While the rising of Sirius in the morning sky in Ancient Greece meant the herald of summer, the Maori heralded the beginning of winter. They named this birth *Takuara*, which means both season and star.

## Does everyone have their own star?

In fact, if you look at it, it is romantic and metaphorical for people to think like this, and the point it is based on is that the stars are perceived as guides that are constantly present in the sky. One of the reasons is that people feel like they are part of the system by connecting with them. So, do we all have a star? The life of a star can last millions or billions of years, so a star is chosen to belong to countless people during its lifetime.



# Why do we think someone died when a shooting star appears?

In many cultures, stars have been seen as symbols of human souls. In ancient Rome, stars were symbols of the gods or the immortal soul. A shooting star was interpreted as the rise of the soul.

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#### BLACK DEATH

The plague is an infectious disease that caused the death of almost half of Europe. We cannot even compare this with COVID-19, which has affected all of us in some way for years. According to sources, there are estimates of the place where the plague first appeared in Asia. However, the accurate account involves the ships from Asia to Europe. Most of the sailors were dead, and the others had lumps and wounds. When people saw these, they were terrified and sent the ships back. But this move couldn't save them from the plague.

There are other situations that caused the plague to spread. Caffa was a port city that was crucial for trade. The Mongols attempted to occupy the city. They had bubonic plague (the most common form) and knew that the Genoese people were scared of it. So they threw the dead soldiers over Caffa's walls to push them back, and the disease spread. The Genoese tried to get rid of them, but it was senseless. Another significant aspect of this incident is that it is considered the first biological war recorded in history.

By the way, the plague occurred in the Ottoman Empire and beyond its borders between the 16th and 19th centuries. (It had affected the country many times before.) Especially in Istanbul, people prayed for the end of this epidemic, but because they gathered together, the disease spread even more. They made provisions against the plague in this way.

Cities in Europe were crowded and filthy. People had close contact with rodents, the main reason for the disease. This situation led to the spread of the plague. During the plague, people adopted various methods to protect themselves. In the beginning, they stopped having showers because they believed that it expanded pores and exposed their bodies to poisonous air. They also covered their rooms with thick areas for the same reason. Symptoms appeared quickly in people with weak immune systems. Sometimes, they went to bed healthy but woke up with the disease—or they might even be dead. Doctors tried different cures, none of which were successful. They popped the lumps or let infected people bleed. Doctors wore glasses and masks. The masks' beaks were nearly 15 cm long and had holes on both sides. Herbs were placed inside for a pleasant smell. There was a belief that lovely smells could protect them from the disease. Incense and flowers were very common in those days.

Finally, they tried a better option: quarantine. It is actually a method involving 40 days of restraint. However, the usage varied depending on the period of the disease. Initially, there was a 30-day period (trentina, derived from the Italian word for thirty), which later became 40 days (quaranta). However, there is no specific information about how the plague's impact decreased.

There were also different beliefs about the causes of the plague. People thought that it was God's rage or that they were paying for their sins. They believed that if they didn't suffer, the disease would not disappear. In Paris, some people claimed it was caused by the positions of Saturn, Mars, and Jupiter in the sky.

The plague is still with us today but, of course, not with the same effect and with far fewer deaths.

# PRESENTATION DU FILM: UN PETIT TRUC EN PLUS

Nous avons choisi de présenter le film intitulé « Un Petit Truc En Plus ». Ce film est

unique car onze des acteurs sont en situation de handicap mental. Nous pensons que le réalisateur a pris un risque, mais le résultat final est génial. Il est différent des autres films qui parlent du sujet du handicap. L'histoire commence avec le duo père fils, Paulo et Fraise, de petites frappes, pourchassées par la police suite à un braquage. Le duo de voleurs se retrouve alors dans un centre pour jeunes handicapés. La Fraise est pris pour un éducateur et Sylvain est pris pour un jeune adulte ayant un handicap mental.



Toute la petite troupe part alors en vacances dans un gîte dans le Vercors. Nous avons adoré l'aventure humaine que va vivre le groupe et la valorisation de la richesse des gens « qui ont un petit truc en plus » Nous aimons particulièrement quand les personnages principaux ne sont pas forcément de bonnes personnes au début, mais évolue pour l'être.

Nurcin Yılmaz & Gülnur Tasmacı

# PRÉSENTATION DE LA SÉRIE TÉLEVISÉE : FURIES

Nous avons choisi de vous présenter la série, uniquement disponible à la demande sur internet en streaming, intitulée « FURIES ». Nous avons particulièrement aimé car toutes les

scènes se déroulent à Paris. Nous pouvons donc découvrir la culture française tout en visionnant la série. En tant qu'apprenants de langue étrangère, découvrir plusieurs aspects de la culture cible est très enrichissant. Nous suivons le parcours de Lyna qui cherche à se venger de la personne qui a tué son père. Elle se rend compte alors que son père travaillait pour la mafia au cœur de Paris. On est alors plongé au cœur d'intrigues rythmées par des retournements de situations mêlant à la fois drame et romance. L'histoire est parfois peu crédible mais



le jeu des acteurs rattrape ce défaut. La réalisation en revanche est vraiment bien, les scènes d'action sont bien chorégraphiées et filmées. Nous vous le recommandons.

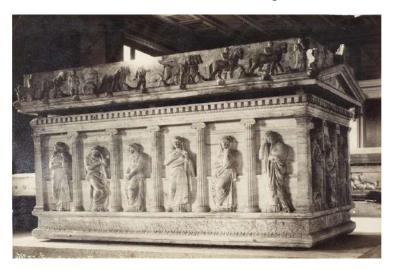
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# OSMAN HAMDI BEY UND SEINE ARBEIT IN DER ARCHÄOLOGIE



Osman Hamdi Bey, ist nicht nur ein Maler, er war auch ein wichtiger Archäologe. Osman Hamdi Bey hat in der Archäologie auch wichtige Arbeiten gemacht. Osman Hamdi Bey war einer der ersten osmanischen Beamten. Er hat im Bereich der archäologischen Ausgrabungen wirklich gute Arbeit gemacht. Er hat großen Wert auf den Schutz von antiken Artefakten gelegt. Er hat daran gearbeitet, die alten Gegenstände nicht ins Ausland zu bringen. Er hat viele Ausgrabungen im Osmanischen Land gemacht und viel Altes gefunden. Eine der

bekanntesten Ausgrabungen ist die Sidon-Ausgrabung, er hat die Sidon-Ausgrabung in den 1880 Jahren begonnen. Diese Ausgrabungen haben geholfen, wichtige Werke der antiken griechischen und römischen Kulturen an das Licht zu bringen.





1887 Sidon Ausgrabung



Im Jahr 1887 hat ein Mann in Sayda sein Land als Steinbruch nutzen wollen und hat dafür eine Erlaubnis bekommen. Diese Person hat ein Loch gefunden, das er für einen Grabstein hielt, und hat es den lokalen Behörden gesagt. Sie haben eine Reihe von Grabkammern mit Sarkophagen gefunden und diese Funde nach Istanbul gemeldet. Sultan Abdülhamid II. hat Osman Hamdi Bey beauftragt, die Werke nach Istanbul zu bringen. Osman Hamdi Bey ist in Sayda angekommen und hat 25 Sarkophage an den Meeresstrand gebracht und mit dem Schiff nach Istanbul geschickt. So hat der Bau des ersten Gebäudes des Archäologischen Museums

in Istanbul begonnen, um die Sarkophage auszustellen. Das Museum-i Humayun hatte zu dieser Zeit

eine der reichsten Sarkophag -Sammlungen in der Welt. Osman Hamdi Bey hat aufgrund seiner Erfolge im Bereich der Museologie und Archäologie internationalen Ruhm erlangt. Zum Schluss haben die Beiträge von Osman Hamdi Bey zur Archäologie gezeigt, er war nicht nur ein Künstler, er war auch ein Wissenschaftler und führend im Bereich des Schutzes des kulturellen Erbes. Er ist der Vater der türkischen Archäologie.





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# POPULÄRKULTUR



Populärkultur ist Musik, Filme, Kleidung, Bücher und soziale Medien. Viele Menschen mögen sie, weil sie Spaß macht und uns zusammenbringt. Durch Populärkultur lernen wir neue Dinge und Ideen kennen. Wir hören Musik, sehen Filme oder lesen Bücher. Populärkultur hilft uns, zu entspannen. Sie ist überall um uns. Viele Menschen nutzen soziale Medien oder sehen Filme in ihrer Freizeit. Populärkultur ist ein Teil unseres Lebens und verbindet uns.

### Gute und schlechte Seiten der Populärkultur

Populärkultur hat sowohl gute als auch schlechte Seiten. Sie macht unser Leben schöner und spannender. Durch Populärkultur können wir neue Kulturen und Ideen kennenlernen. Sie hilft uns, Spaß zu haben und uns besser zu fühlen. Auf der anderen Seite ist Populärkultur oft nur für kurze Zeit interessant. Trends ändern sich schnell, was manchmal stressig sein kann. Außerdem kann Populärkultur zu einem Konsumwahn führen, weil immer neue Dinge gekauft werden müssen. Viele bekannte Menschen haben über Populärkultur eine Meinung. Hier sind ein paar Zitate von ihnen:

Albert Einstein: "Populärkultur macht viele Menschen gleich."

Marilyn Monroe: "Populärkultur ist wie Mode – sie ändert sich schnell."

Frank Zappa: "Populärkultur sagt den Menschen, was sie mögen sollen."

### MEIN HELSİNKİ

Ich möchte über Finnland aber besonders über Helsinki sprechen. Finnland hat sehr viele Wälder und Seen. Finnland hat eine sehr moderne Ausbildung und Schulen. Ich bin besonders für Schulen drei mal nach Helsinki gegangen, denn ich bin Grundschullehrer. Ich habe an ihren Kursen teilgenommen. Ich mag ihr Bildungssystem. Es hat sehr flexible Klassen und Schulen.

In Finnland bin ich auch mit mit meiner Familie in den Wald gegangen. Wir haben im Wald einen Spaziergang gemacht und sehr viele Vögel gesehen. Helsinki hat eine wunderbare Natur. Ich denke, ich kann in Helsinki leben.





Ich bin in das Stadzentrum von Helsinki, in die Helsinki- Katadrale und auf die Soumenlinna Insel gegangen. Am besten hat mir die Oodi Bibliotek gefallen, weil sie sehr viele Bücher, ein Musikzimmer, ein Spielzimmer für Kinder und ein Meetingzimmer hat. Ich denke, es ist die komfortabelste Bibliothek der Welt.

Ich bin im Winter nach Finnland gereist. Ich glaube, Sie sollten im Sommer gehen, weil ich sehr wenig Sonne im Winter gesehen habe. Übrigens liebe ich auch ihren Kaffee und ihre Schokalde.

Murat Doğan

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#### **MODE**

Hallo! Ich heiße Tomral Akansel. Ich bin Studentin im Deutsch-Vorbereitungskurs und interessiere mich sehr für Mode und die Geschichte der Mode. Mode ist für mich ein Hobby und eine große Leidenschaft. Heute möchte ich über die Entwicklung der Mode und ihren Einfluss bis heute sprechen.

Die Popularität der Mode hat in Frankreich, in Paris begonnen. Paris war das Zentrum der Mode. Die Techniken von Paul Poiret haben die Mode stark weiter entwickelt und haben viele neue Ideen gebracht. Im Jahr 1900 war Herr Poiret der berühmteste "Court-Schneider". Viele denken, er ist der Begründer der Mode.

Paul Poiret ist besonders bekannt für seine "Art-Deco"-Designs, die stark vom Osten (Osmanisches Reich, Persien, Indien, China, Japan) inspiriert sind. Seine Werke waren innovativ und visionär. Auch heute gibt es viele neue Trends in der Modewelt. Poirets Kreativität hat zahlreiche Designer beeinflusst, die bis heute seinen Ideen folgen. Er inspiriert die neue Generation.

Die Mode ist immer ein Spiegel der Gesellschaft und zeigt, wie sich Kultur und Werte im Laufe der Zeit verändern. Deshalb ist sie für mich sehr spannend.





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